

Day, Richard W.

37 KIRKLAND STREET

CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

Dr

8 December

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am writing a biography of Dr. Henry F. Cutler, and Mrs. Cutler tells me that you will be able to give me valuable information and help.

May I come to see you? Would the 16th or 17th of December be a convenient time for you? I would plan to drive down from Boston on the 16th and could see you either that afternoon or the following

morning. I must unfortunately
start back for Boston late on the 17th

I am looking forward with
great interest to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Day

Dearborn, R.I.

May 3, 1947



THE
LAKE SHORE DRIVE
HOTEL
CHICAGO

Dear Dr. Speer, --

Mrs. Dearborn forwarded to me here, where I have for some time been engaged in connection with a patent infringement suit, the booklet entitled - The Fellowship of the Spirit -

It has been a real help to me and I thank you very much for sending it - Also your note of greeting was much appreciated.

After returning from the Texas Company in Jan. I seemed to be a bit low in my mind & strength - perhaps from the reaction after so many high pressure years but I am feeling much better and your prayers & remembrances are a great lift -



THE
LAKE SHORE DRIVE
HOTEL
CHICAGO

I regret that I was absent
at the time of the last meeting
of the administration committee &
for this case will not be on
in time for me to attend the
may meeting of the Board -
with kindest regards

Cordially yours

R. H. Jackson

Dr. Robert E. Spurr
Lakeville,

Conn -

May 3, 1947

Detweiler, Bertha

21 NORTH FRONT STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNA.

Oct. 9, 1944

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Dear Dr. Speer

I want to thank you personally for coming to Market Square Church to preach the Closing Service of our 150th Anniversary. Your advice to the world at large went deeply into the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to be at the Sanctuary or were "listening in" over the Radio -

You know we consider you as Dr. Speer part of Our Church - and gladly love to have both of you with us at any time -

21 NORTH FRONT STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNA.

The Success of the Celebration has been a source of great satisfaction to St. Malen, Judge Richards and the Committee:

We do thank you and Mrs. Spier for your kindness in contributing to make our 150th Anniversary such a pleasurable occasion.

I have collected and compiled "a Book" for the Archives of the Church and I would like to have your name among the list in the Book - Would you kindly send me a copy for preservation or even a draft or framework of it - It would be greatly appreciated by "all of us".

May the future have many rich blessings
in store for you and Mrs. Spear -

Cordially yours -
Bertha Detweiler.

Mrs. Meade D. Detweiler
21 N. First Street
Harrisburg, Penna.

October 9th 1944.

Dickson, Hugh F.

HFD

HUGH F. DICKSON

RHODES-HAVERTY BUILDING
ATLANTA

December 1946.

Dear Dr. Speer:

May Mrs. Speer and you, and all those near and dear unto you both, experience the most joyous and happiest Christmas and New Year Season.

I am ever grateful for your friendship and confidence and wish you to know that. You have meant so much to me and have had a vast influence upon not only my own life but that of every member of our family.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh F. Dickson

Dillon, Mary L.

Nov. 1, 1945

My dear Dr. Spear,
I want to thank you most sincerely for the precious book you so kindly sent me last week. It is a treasure - a storehouse of God's words. The beautiful poems and prayers will help me in my daily life. I will enjoy reading yours and sharing with others. It is impossible to tell you how much I appreciate your thought of me. Scarcely a day passes that I do not recall my happy girlhood days in dear old Beviders. Many friends have been called to their Heavenly home. The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Bruidisi is a true ambassador

of Christ, leading his flock as the
late Rev. Burch did to our
Heavenly Father and His Beloved
Son. Miss Carris Brookfield is
seventy-five years old & still playing
the church organ as she has for
many years. Of course you know
the late Rev. Burch's son Rev.
Henry Burch was a missionary
at Korea since his ordination
until the war. Now living in
California preaching the Gospel to
a colony of Koreans there. So Dr.
Eleanor Peesley of Belvidere. met me.
My Christian training under Rev. Burch
and home folks prepared me for
many years of suffering, sorrows & trials

The grace of God enabled me to live in
an institution and count my blessings
The patients have chapel services every
evening and Sunday mornings. I
trines I send Pelagian booklets, especi-
ally to city devotions, published every two
months to the old folks Presbyterian
Home at Belvidere. The late Mrs. Blair
the Misses Sarah and Annie Stephens
were always interested in the young folks
Mr & Mrs along the word of God to
them in their home. Thanking you
again for your kindness and God bless
you at all times. Love

December, first, 1940-

Sincerely yours
Miss Mary D. Dillon
Baltimore Hosp - Inf
Baltimore, Md -

Dillon, Mary L.

My dear Mr. Spear,-

Nov. 1945

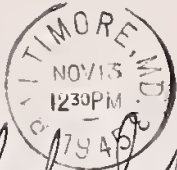
On reading the church news for last Sunday's services was surprised to read you would conduct a Preaching mission at the Second Presbyterian church this week. If I were physically able would be more than pleased to attend every service. Allow me to introduce my self. I am a grand daughter of the late Theodore Curbart of Belvidere Ill. a neighbor across the Park from the Blair residence -

Living there during my girl hood
days! Do remember all those wonder-
ful old time friends - you, after many
years do not recall all you were
introduced to. When a student at
Princeton N.J. visiting the Blair
family a chum of their son Lyford.
attending church services at the
First Presbyterian church. I was a
member. You recall our beloved
preacher and pastor Rev. J. W.
Hart Brown and family. I have
been away from Belvidere for many
years. I have many precious memories

and love the old town - Correspond
with a couple of old friends - Reading
Religious periodicals have devoured
all articles written by you - seemed
like one of our towns very own -
I know every minute of your valuable
time is and will be devoted to the
service and spreading the Gospel
message to Baltimoreans. Yet I
have been thinking if you could
possibly spare me a half hour of
your presence, a visit from you
would be a great up lift in my life
here. Have been a patient at the
Balto-city Hosp. Infirmary for

(Miss) Mary S. Miller
Baltimore City Hospitals
Infirmary Ward old entrance
Third floor. Room 333
office second floor.

See "5 Minutes a Day"



Dr. Robert L. per.
Belvidere Hotel.
Baltimore - Md.

PHONE.

WOLF 9406

From. Mary D. Dillon
Baltimore City Disp. Inf.
city. 24

Dobbs, Hoyt M.

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HOYT M. DOBBS
SEVEN THIRTY-ONE EIGHTH COURT WEST
BIRMINGHAM 4, ALABAMA

October 11th, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Every man in public life enjoys receiving once in a great while a letter without complaints and a letter making no requests.

Such a letter with great pleasure I now write you. Please permit me to say that your address at Lake Junaluska abides in our memory. Indeed we shall "remember" it for a long, long time.

Mrs. Dobbs and I first met you and heard you in Toronto, Canada in 1902. We both feel that you have made a distinct contribution to our life.

I have written to Fleming H. Revell, asking that they send me two copies of your pamphlet on "Extemporaneous Speaking." I must also ask you to accept my thanks for bringing to my attention, Dr. Steere's book, "On Beginning From Within". I have read it carefully and with profit.

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and evermore.

With great respect and with great regard, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Hoyt M. Dobbs

Hoyt M. Dobbs

BOX 145
BERKELEY, 4, CALIF.

Dobson, W.H.

Jan. 5, 1944.

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Dear Dr. Speer:

*My mistake
Delayed
till 1/29
posting*

Your welcome letter should have received an earlier answer. It must have been with a full heart that you met your daughter Margaret. Almost as though receiving one back from the dead! Was sorry not to be able to help greet the folks from the Gripsholm.

You write of the cold. Now the newspapers are telling of a cold snap in the East. Our morning temperature is around 40o.

Was much disappointed when I heard it was too late to hear your sermon in St. Johns Church here two blocks west of where I live. Was just returning from an assignment south of here. I trust the travel has not been too fatiguing.

As you probably know I am speaking at request of the Board Office in San F. Have been to about thirty places since Oct. 1. It has been most enjoyable, i.e. to me. The subject seems to have had enough interest to pay expenses.

It is my wish to get a trailer and live in it. The plan to go to back-country under-privileged churches. They always seem so appreciative; not having to snap their watches and think of the next appointment.

My second son has just entered the army medical corps. He is an orthopedic surgeon. The other son is rooming here.

With undying memories of the work of the years, most of which we have travelled together, and wishing a far happier New Year to you, I am
Yours cordially,

W. H. Dobson

Dobyns, R. M.

JL

Denver 5, Colorado.
333 E.16th.Ave.
May 29, 1947.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

As you, very probably, know, Dr. Martin Anderson, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Denver, having reached the age of retirement, decided to withdraw from the pastorate and retire.

Our Session has elected a committee of twenty three to seek a successor to Dr. Anderson. Some of us are interested in Dr. Harold R. Martin, pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Illinois, and would like to know more of Dr. Martin, his ability as a preacher and organizer and of his soundness, so I write you to ask if you will be so kind as to write and enlighten us along these lines?

If you know Dr. Martin and his work in Bloomington and will acquiesce in this request, it will be a great help in guiding our committee. I can assure you your letter would not be publicized and would go no farther than this committee.

I have letters from a few of the outstanding men of our great denomination and they all seem to be very complimentary of Dr. Martin, but we lack knowledge of his fundamental views and I am seeking that in this letter.

Dr. Joseph Vance is serving us during the interim, but we hope our pulpit is not to be vacant for a prolonged period.

There is no one, Dr. Speer, whose judgement we would place above yours in this particular matter, so you can see how looked-up to you are and how we would prize your reply.

With kind regards and best wishes and thanking you, in advance, for this information, I am

Yours very sincerely,

R.M. Dobyns.

Wm

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
E. M. DODD, M. D.

March 20, 1944
(Dict. Mar. 17)

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The annual Trustees' meeting at Clifton Springs this week brought out a most cheering picture, financial and otherwise, of the condition of the sanitarium. I thought you might like to see this treasurer's report which tells a good deal of the story.

The war has temporarily helped out the sanitarium because so many of the competing practitioners in the region are away and because people have more money to spend than they usually had for a good while. But there has also been good management on the part of the new business manager, Mr. Oehlschlaeger, who has taken a great deal off the shoulders of Adrian Taylor.

Enoch Bell, who goes up there as a patient every now and then and is ^{more} closely on the real inside of things than most of us are, says that there is a very good spirit and he feels that things are going along well.

Adrian is back in full surgical swing. And his surgery seems to be as good as ever. But he is still rather subdued and almost depressed since his long illness, though he is improving. And we all look to see him recover his spirits in time. This was about the first serious illness he ever had, I believe, and it hit him psychologically, as well as otherwise.

Dr. MacSporran, as chaplain, has done fine work -- perhaps not all that we will eventually look for from a young man, but bringing in a great deal of good cheer and friendliness and helpful advice. I think the religious character of the institution has recovered some lost ground during the last year or two.

The missionaries I keep sending up there are as enthusiastic as ever about the place.. One of the Gripsholm people is up there now making a slow recovery. It was so nice to see something of Marnie when she was in Montclair. From all accounts she gave a wonderfully fine talk to our young people. And the Bill Speers family were so glad to see here.

We are all grateful for your little book, "Five Minutes A Day" which so many of us have been using.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Wes

Dodd, E.M.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
E. M. DODD, M. D.

March 24, 1944
(Dict. Mar. 23)

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We have just had word that, after a brief illness, Miss Connell died today, at the Fifth Avenue Hospital.

She was taken in there ten days ago by her physician, for what seemed to be a threatened pneumonia, and seemed to be clearing up. I went up to see her there on Tuesday. She was expecting to leave the hospital today, though she looked very wan and frail. Then we got word that she apparently had developed a pulmonary embolism. The report this morning was that she was somewhat better. But I was not surprised over the later word this late afternoon.

She was a loyal, faithful soul, and made her staunch contribution over the years. I am not sure but what it was better for her to slip away quietly now, as she was steadily losing her sight and would have become very dependent.

No one seems to know of any relatives in this country. The Pinder sisters were about as close to her as anyone and have been up to see her at the hospital.

Sincerely, *Ed.*

EMD/k

P.S. - I believe that they have found some Cousins in Canada.

Dodd, E.M.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
E. M. DODD, M. D.

December 5, 1944

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

It certainly was good to get your letter this morning after having already heard of your safe arrival. I know just how you feel about getting home after a hospital experience. It is a wonderful feeling.

I am so sorry to hear about your man William Jenks and will be glad to do anything that I can to help. From what you tell me, it sounds to me as though it would be best to start him with an orthopedic specialist and then follow up with hospital study or whatever seems necessary. I would have in mind Dr. Alan DeForest Smith, who is a professor of orthopedics at the Medical Center and who is also one of the chief men at the Orthopedic Hospital. We could send William Jenks to him as a private patient and then decide where or what should be the next step.

At the Medical Center we could probably secure for him one of the church endowed beds in a ward which would give him free care. As these beds are a good deal in demand, this might very well be a case of waiting a couple of weeks until a bed is available. The churches to which we usually go are the First Church, Brick Church and Madison Avenue Church.

I will be glad to make an appointment with Dr. Smith if you will let me know a little ahead so we can save time and expense, though it might be necessary for him to come down for this first examination and then go back and wait for an endowed bed. If it were to be the Orthopedic Hospital, however, he might be able to go right in. In that case, the cost would be \$4.00 a day for ward bed, and of course X-ray or other tests which probably would not be very heavy.

The alternative of Clifton Springs might be worth considering, especially as they have so much good physiotherapy up there and the finances are in good condition. I don't know just what special personal arrangement Adrian could make.

Affectionately,



BMD/k

Dodd, E.M.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
E. M. DODD, M. D.

December 20, 1944
(Dict. Dec. 19)

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Smith has just called up in regard to William Jenks and has arranged for him to stay at the Orthopedic Hospital, 420 E. 59th Street, for further investigation of the problem. I approved his making this arrangement, which will be in the ward and at \$4.50 a day. There will also be some X-ray or other charges. I presume it will take a few days to have all this done.

As you intimated, there is evidently a rather involved and complicated problem here. Dr. Smith said he had a badly twisted spine -- also some nerve root involvements which are giving him his pain. Dr. Smith wanted to have a neurologist consulted, as well as what he could work out himself. This will all be possible under the one set-up at the Orthopedic Hospital.

I do hope they can do something for him. If this should involve a further hospital stay, beyond these few days for diagnosis, especially if it involves operation, shall I tell them to go ahead?

There would be no charge for an operation done on a ward patient. But there might be a long stay at the \$4.50 a day rate.

While I am writing, I can add that the Kennedy Room is going to be used for a hernia operation which ought to be out of there by about January tenth. But there is still another patient who may need to go in, either then or before that time for operation. So there is some question about how January will run. But at the moment, there is nothing in the way of its being available for you by the middle of January.

I can imagine you have a glorious snow scene all around you today, after the big snowstorm which has probably included you along with us.

With affectionate regard,

Sincerely,



EMD/k

Dodd, E.M.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
E. M. DODD, M. D.

December 26, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am starting this letter to you before I have been able to get hold of Dr. Fish this morning, but will be expecting to add a word as well as wire you a little later.

I have your two letters of December 20 and 22. And I am enclosing the first bill I received from the Orthopedic Hospital for William Jenks -- \$44.50.

Since they are in touch with me and since you will be changing to the hospital, they might as well send me the bills to pass on from time to time.

I haven't any further word about him yet, but I think Dr. Smith will let me know when any decision is reached.

It surely is good to know from you and Mrs. Speer how much built up you are. And I am glad this operation can be done without any further waiting between.

I am very sorry that the Kennedy Room is not available now. Since writing you, two or three definite or probably operative cases have emerged among missionaries. And it is just a case of how to line them up now. It is barely possible that the Kennedy Room might be available part of the time while you are in the hospital, in which case we may be able to switch it around in the bookkeeping and give you the benefits of it.

This has been delayed
over, but I will send it
as is -

Sincerely
Wed.

Dodd, E. M.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
E. M. DODD, M. D.

January 3, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
~~Kennedy Room~~, Harkness Pavilion
168th Street and Broadway
New York, 32, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am enclosing this bill for William Jenks
which has just come in for his X-ray and for the
first week of his hospital care.

Sincerely,

EMD/k
enc.

1/4/45.

Dear Mr. Speer, After waiting to hear
about him I have called up & talked
with the house doctor, who was on
his case.

He tells me that he has (1) a twist
to the spine and (2) an arthritis of
the spine. They believe that the
latter is giving him most of his
pain. — They tried him with a cast;

but this made the pain worse,
Then they wanted to give him a
course of X-Ray treatment for the
gum. But his wife came down
sick; and he asked to be released
for a few days. So he went home &
expects to come back presently,
when he can for treatment. Not
operation, it seems now.

The doctors are not sure that
they have sized up the whole
situation, after careful study, &
want to observe him further,
together with the X-Ray treatment.
They were a little concerned lest
there be something malignant
somewhere but cannot find any
evidence of this. — Anyway he
was a real problem for hospital
study.

Yes.

(Dodd) E. M.
(Ned)

Montclair -

Mar. 13, 1945.

Dear Mr. Speer,

We really are quite
overwhelmed by that
magnificent arrival
from Florida last night.
Those wonderful groups
and ~~the~~ delicious macaronade
brought cheers from
the assembled family.

Dr. I find that Jenkins has
left the hospital + is said to
be considerably better. I hope
so.

And we started right
in sampling both.

It is such a very
generous box full
that we will be enjoying
them for a long while.

It was a very lovely
thought, tho' quite
out of proportion
for the small thing
I did to help the good

work along. Thank
you heartily.

I have been trying
to get up to see Williams
Junto but havn't made
it yet. So, if I don't
get there soon, I'll
call up and find out
the developments since
he came back this
time.

Love best to you and
Mrs. Speer, very sincerely
Wes

Dodd, Nod (E.M.)

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W. J. K. CLOTHIER, M. D.

October 3, 1946

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

This letter from Mrs. Mygatt deserves following up carefully, which I will try to do. We certainly don't want to have any entering wedge of that sort come into Clifton Springs if that is taking place.

I wonder if she does not have Mr. Linder in mind when she says the "manager". He has of course been there for many years, before my time, and is a Catholic. I know that the last time I was up there at Clifton, Dr. John MacSporran, who is now Chaplain, as you know, was a little troubled about the way he thought some things were being handled in the inside office and questioned Mr. Linder's attitude toward missionaries somewhat. I wasn't able to see Adrian at that time before leaving. I wrote to him later on without mentioning names. He came back with a very hearty and emphatic letter on the whole subject of missionaries' status up there, which was as reassuring as anything of that kind could be. But I shouldn't wonder that we ought to watch that carefully all the time.

I am not clear about the new doctors, but I will take that up too. I am writing to Frank Moore of Auburn, who is one of the newer trustees who takes a great interest, and is much closer to things than I am, especially as he is so nearby. He may have some impressions one way or the other, which I can pass on to you.

In general, my impression of the attitude of the medical staff, is that it is not any more or less religious than has been for a good many years, which is of course nothing very positive. There are only one or two who have very definitely the religious concern. In other ways, I think the atmosphere of the place is still good. And our missionaries still seem to like it very much.

Adrian is as fine as ever. But he has not quite been himself since that very severe go of pneumonia which he had a couple of years ago. It left him with a mild depression which does not interfere with his good surgical judgment and his surgical technique -- they all tell me -- though he worries more about his surgical cases than he used to. But he is not as sparkling and aggressive as he used to be. On the whole, I think he is gradually pulling out of this thing and is better. But he is inclined to leave more to other people than he used to do.

Dodd, Ned

Mr. Robert E. Speer

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October 3, 1946

We unfortunately lost a fine manager ~~that~~ we had there who was doing very well by the place. He left us to go into some other philanthropical organization last spring. He took a great deal off Adrian and was very sympathetic to the best aims and purposes of the institution.

We must watch this point, however, about getting too many Catholics on the medical staff, if there is a turn in that direction. I don't know about the newer men. It ~~would~~ of course be a calamity to have that sort of thing permeate the place.

I wish I had a chance to get ^{more} glimpses of you than the rare occasions of these past years.

Affectionately,



EMD/k

Dodd, E.M.



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March 21, 1947

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I always want to keep you posted on major developments at Clifton Springs. And this is in connection with an important and difficult trustees' meeting last week.

The main immediate problem was Adrian Taylor and the superintendency. As you know, he has been having something of a mild depression since his severe illness three years or so ago. He went right on with his surgery, which did not seem to be impaired, though it caused him great worry and nervous strain as it had not before. But he withdrew into himself and withdrew very much from administration. He passed important decisions on to others, did not meet people as he used to, and his judgment was not as good. We hoped that he would work out of it; and last year we thought he was slowly coming up. And everybody was loyal and cooperative. But there was still too much of a "sub" situation.

During the past year a few reports began reaching some of us from Dr. MacSporran or others, that things were going down rather than up with him. About two weeks ago, he had the misfortune to break his arm. He insisted on staying in bed with this in the Woodbury buildings, though the doctors saw no reason for bed regime and urged him to be up. It served to underline his withdrawal into himself.

The more serious problem however, was over his surgery. I went up a day early to secure all the information I could. Dr. MacSporran gave me the very unfavorable slant which had come from the doctors. Dr. Thomas and Dr. Eickner, good reliable men and staunch personal friends of Adrian, said that his surgery had been deteriorating and that they considered the situation serious. Dr. Munford, a very sound person, as you know, was reported as saying recently that he no longer dared refer serious surgical cases to Dr. Taylor, because his mortality was too high. Dr. Eickner and Dr. Price, one of the younger surgeons, while assisting at operations, have done all they could to watch Adrian and guide him through operations, but felt that even with this the results were deteriorating. Dr. Thomas, who is a trustee, since going to Rochester, said that he would be willing to answer questions but was not initiating any move.

At the meeting, part of the trustees knew something of the situation and some did not. When I suggested that we ask Dr. Thomas some questions, they went into things very carefully and sympathetically. His answers, which were given under a

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good deal of personal stress, because he, like all of us, is very fond of Adrian, were so convincing to everyone, plus what was already known, that we unanimously felt that Adrian should not go on with the superintendency and should not go on with surgery.

He has offered to resign several times over the last several years. But he has told people that his wife kept urging him to continue. And the trustees always wanted him to continue.

Diffendorffer, the new chairman of the Board, and Dr. Clayton Greene, were deputed to interview the Taylors. I understand that this interview went off very amicably and well. The Taylors were apparently more or less expecting something. And it may be that Adrian was really relieved. Anyway, his resignation followed.

It is too bad that we have to lose him. He has done a fine job there. I think we caught things just as things began to get out, and we perhaps saved some very bad casualty.

Now we are faced with the task of finding a successor. That will not be easy. We will be glad of suggestions. Dr. Thomas is one of these suggested for it, though it is doubtful whether he would want it.

Dr. Munford has been appointed acting superintendent for the interim, -- with no thought whatever of his being considered for more than that.

The other question which was gone into somewhat was the Catholic one. This came up with the re-election of officers, including the new business manager, Mr. Corwin, who is a Catholic, as our correspondent brought out. He made a very good impression on us in the meeting, -- seemed to be well informed, well oriented, and with a good spirit.

It came out that the Executive Committee, who chose him, knew that he was a Catholic, though the rest of us did not. Dr. MacSporran's version of the proceedings was that Adrian had a major part in the selection and had not known till later that Mr. Corwin was a Catholic. Anyway, the Executive Committee accepted responsibility for the decision. And there was quite a little difference of opinion among us on the importance of the Catholic issue. Diffendorffer, Seward Hiltner of the Federal Council and I emphasized the dangers, but did not press the issue on the re-election now. So he continues. But at least the cautioning has registered; and the question will be watched.

The village is now 50% Catholic, we understand. And of course we have had a good many Catholics among the help and among the nurses for many years back. But it certainly should not go farther in the higher controls. I am sorry that it has gone as far as it has.

With warm regards,

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'ned', written in dark ink.

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copy to Dr. Diffendorffer
Dr. MacSporrán
Dr. Munford
three extra copies

Copy for Dr. Speer

March 14, 1947

Dr. Adrian Taylor
Clifton Springs Sanitarium
Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Dear Adrian:

Dr. Diffendorffer has told me of your resignation, since getting back here. And I write you with mingled feelings -- from a friend and associate. On the one hand, I am glad to have you released from the nervous strain of surgery. And, on the other, I am very sorry health conditions are such that your splendid services at Clifton Springs must have an end.

I know that the nervous strain of operations has told on you. I remember your telling me how you lost sleep over this before and after, and how it worried you as it never used to do. One can manage with this sort of thing for a while. But, when it continues, and especially when one is approaching sixty-five, which is so often a retiring age nowadays, there is a great deal to be said for release from the responsibility. Also, your genuine friends, as we are, can well share in the responsibility for the decision.

As to the work that you have done at Clifton, it will take more than me to do it justice. You will be hearing about this from all sides. You brought to Clifton a very able leadership, combined with your genial, friendly, spirit, which is so important a part of the picture at such an institution. You have been true to the Christian spirit and purpose of the founder, who meant this place to be much more than just another sanitarium. As a result of all this, the institution has prospered and progressed under your hand. We give thanks for this. And we want you to know beyond a shadow of a doubt how deeply all we, your friends and associates, appreciate your work. I hope that you will have the abiding sense of satisfaction in the job well done. It is going to be very difficult for us to find a successor who will embody so much of what Clifton needs for the fulfillment of its mission.

On the more personal side, it has meant more than I can tell you to work with you. You have been a warm friend. And I am going to miss you up there very greatly. But I hope I am not going to lose contact with you.

With affectionate regards,

Sincerely,

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Dodd, Samuel T.

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STEPHENTOWN CENTER, N. Y.

May 12th 1946

Rev. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Speer:-

I see by the Alumni Weekly that you are living in Lakeville Conn. I have a problem that for some time I have been wanting to present to someone connected with the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Possibly you can help me out with it.

My father went to China as a missionary in 1861. From the time he left New York till he left China in 1877 he kept a diary. That old diary is in my possession, and after I have passed on I do not think there is anyone in the family who will be interested in it. I have been wondering whether the Board would have a place for it or would be interested in having it in their files.

I am driving down to Bridgeport next week Friday (May 24th), and, as I will be passing near Lakeville, if you wish I would be pleased to stop and discuss the matter with you.

Sincerely yours

Samuel T. Dodd
Stephentown Center
N.Y.

Dodds, J.L.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 10, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville

Dear Dr. Speer:

We have been going through the minutes of the Iran Mission Annual Meeting to be sure that we have cared for the various items requiring attention here in America, and we find that we have not yet sent to you the following action:

46-136 Greetings to Dr. Speer. That the Mission on the occasion of its Annual Meeting send through its Secretary a word of affectionate greeting to Dr. Speer, who for so many years was the Board Secretary for this field.

It is a privilege to pass on to you these affectionate greetings.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

J. L. Dodds

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

March 19, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The enclosed copy of a letter to Mr. Lytle of the Church World Service will answer some of the questions in your letter of March 16th. The \$12,000 mentioned there came from the Assyrian churches of the Chicago area through the Restoration Fund.

You will have noted in Hugo Muller's report and letter one of the factors which is puzzling; namely, how much is it wise to publish in America the events in the Urumiah area? If such publicity were to be resented by the Iranian government or even by the officials in Azerbaijan, it might react upon the Assyrian Community to make their plight even worse. I have written to Hugo Muller to ask about this and shall expect his reply within a couple of weeks.

I am also trying to find out from the State Department whether there is even a remote possibility that a number of the Assyrians might be transferred to some country in the Western Hemisphere, and if so, through what avenues one should approach the problem. One cannot wonder at the desire of the Assyrians to leave that part of the world where they have suffered so much, but in view of the relative failure to provide for the hundreds of thousands of displaced persons in Europe, one wonders if anything is likely to be done in the immediate future for the Assyrians.

Your experience in these lines would be most valuable. I wish it were possible to talk the matter over with you. Are you planning to come through New York any time in the near future?

Affectionately yours,

J. L. Dodds
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March 19, 1947

Dr. Herbert C. Lytle, Jr.
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, INC.
37 East 36th Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Lytle:

During the past month we have received reports of events in Western Iran around the Rezaiyeh area, where villages of Christian Assyrians have been looted and Christians killed. Late in January one of our missionaries was able to go into that area with the pastor of the Tabriz Church. They inspected fourteen villages, ten of which had been looted. They stated that altogether twenty of these villages have been looted in greater or less degree.-- some of them so thoroughly that they now stand completely abandoned. They gave no report on the number of deaths, but from other sources we have had figures ranging from 200 to 2000.

The occasion of this, apparently, was the withdrawal of so-called Democratic Russian-sponsored government. The Assyrians, as a Christian minority under a totalitarian regime were attracted by the word "Democratic" and by the sponsorship of a non-Moslem government. A number of them, therefore, threw in their lot with the Russian-sponsored government. During the three or four days between the withdrawal of that government and the arrival of the Central Government troops, the Moslem population in the area rose up against the Assyrians and looted and burned their villages. My impression is that any killing was more or less incidental to the looting, but I have no proof of this one way or the other.

The report that we have received of the plight of these Assyrians is pitiable in the extreme. The looting was done in mid-winter. Practically everything was taken, including farm animals, household goods, clothing, bedding and food. In some cases even door frames and window frames were taken away or were burned. The unfortunate Assyrians huddled together, several families to a house, trying to keep warm.

As in all such happenings, the picture is lightened a bit by the efforts of better-intentioned Moslems to protect the Christians. The report submitted to us tells of several villages which either escaped looting or in which loss was very slight because of the efforts of Moslem neighbors or officials. However, our report indicates that the tension between the two communities is greater than it has been for years. One leading Moslem commented that it would be impossible for the Christians and Mohammedans to continue to live together, "One of us must go." The dominant desire of the Assyrians is to go to some country in the Western Hemisphere. Even more than the plea for immediate relief of their pressing needs was this prayer -- to be taken away from that area.

The Assyrian community in that area of Iran numbers about 10,000. These are divided into several sects -- Ancient Nestorian, Catholic and Evangelical, being the main ones. Relief has been sent by individuals in the States, sometimes directly to individuals in Iran and sometimes through the Catholic Church. We have just cabled \$12,000 to be used for this purpose for the needy and suffering Assyrians without discrimination as to sect or denomination.

March 19, 1947

The estimated needs for immediate relief were \$50,000. Including our gift, perhaps \$20,000 may have gone through one channel or another.

It seems to me that this is a case in which Church World Service could validly make a contribution. The plight of the Assyrians is more or less traceable to the presence of Russia in Iran and Russia was there because of the war. In a very real sense, therefore, it is a war condition. The Assyrians are a community well worthy of aid. They are energetic and respectable. During and after the first world war, they suffered as a community perhaps more than anyone else. A recent note from Dr. Speer ventures the opinion that they have suffered even more than the Armenians.

As you suggest, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. is the only Protestant church at work among the Assyrians in Iran. We shall continue our efforts to send as much relief as possible, but all that we can give will be insufficient. Might I ask you please, to take this up with the Church World Service Committee and to allocate funds for this purpose. I mentioned the possibility of this the other day to Mr. Vaught, and he suggested that I write either to you or to Dr. Barstow.

Cordially yours,

J. L. Dodds, Executive Secretary
India and Near East

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cc - Dr. Speer
cc - Dr. Higginbottom

Donaldson, Dwight M.

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MOTORSHIP GRIPSHOLM

June 12, 1943:

Dear Dr. Spur:

We are proceeding with all comforts on our way back to India. One of the few books in my portfolio is your "Five Minutes a Day," and this week I have been remembering that forty years ago, at Lakeside, you and Dr. Mott and Dr. J. Warner and Bishop McDowell led a number of us young college students to volunteers to work as missionaries in foreign lands. Up until that time I had planned to study law. This note of greeting is a good place to say that the forty years, with their memorable connecting links, have been filled with rich privileges.

You may be interested to know that shortly before we left for our first voyage, a Hindu professor of Arabic in the Benares University made a special trip to the Henry Martyn School in Aligarh for a particular purpose. He was writing an extended article on "Christian Activities in India in the Eighteenth Century." We were sorry that our Library

MOTORSHIP GRIPSHOLM

was incomplete in missionary biography, but at the same time he was delighted with the books we managed to get together for him.

In your "barn" you probably have a rare collection of books of this kind and when the time comes for you to consider selling or sending them to some library, may I say that the Library of the Henry Martyn School of Islamic Studies would be delighted to receive them. Some of our resident students are Indian Christian pastors and theological students who appreciate particularly the spiritual inspiration they derive from records of the efforts of early missionaries and some of their Indian associates. The brother of the man who beheaded Rev. Jan Christensen's little eight-year old boy is now the ordained Afghan minister who works there in Mardan with the Christensens. He takes his vacation in January, and reads assiduously all that month in our Library in Ali Grah.

I am not sure that I mentioned to you that there is discussion going on now as to the establishment of a Christian School of Indian Religions, of which the Henry Martyn School of Islamic Studies would become an integral part.

MOTORSHIP GRIPSHOLM

The "Institute for the Study of Hinduism" is making good progress and would also be included, and there ought to be at least one member of the joint staff who would be informed and enthusiastic for the special study of the religion of the Sikhs. I mention this because the reading constituency in the library of this combined institution should have ready access, not only to the necessary technical studies, but to the vital human interest books included in missionary biographies.

With all best wishes to you and Mrs. Spear in the many valuable services in which I know you are both still engaged, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dwight D. Donaldson.

Donaldson, Dwight M.

HENRY MARTYN SCHOOL OF ISLAMIC STUDIES

Aligarh, U. P., India

c/o Foreign Missions' Conference,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Aligarh, U.P., February 3, 1946.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We greatly appreciated your letter of Oct. 19th. in reply to my inquiry, written from the Gripsholm, about your personal collection of missionary biographies. On thinking the matter over I certainly agree with you that the Foreign Board Library needs come in for first consideration. Probably there is no place where they would be more appreciated or more used.

When I was home on furlough I had with me what was then the plan of our Committee of Management, to see if a large enough sum of money could be secured to enable us to establish the Henry Martyn School in Delhi, with adequate housing accommodations. But before we returned the Staff and Committee had about given up the idea of our going to Delhi. Property over there is so very expensive, and the Women's Finance Committee of the American Methodist Church are offering us the buildings we now occupy, and ten acres of land, for Rs. 45,000. These buildings include one large, well-built, double bungalow, which accommodates two families and has four extra rooms for student guests; an excellent library building, with two office-studies and two guest suites; and also enough former dormitory buildings to be renovated so as to provide rooms for those who come for institutes or conferences. So with one more bungalow and some roof repairs we can get along here in Aligarh very well, - continuing to rent what houses we require in Bangalore and in Landour. The Committee took action to request from our supporting churches Rs. 70,000. "for the purchase of this Aligarh property and its development". The Theological Committee of the N.C.C. have approved our plan, which is to be considered by the N.C.C. Executive in March. If they endorse it it will then go to our respective churches.

We find that our students like Aligarh's freedom from too many distractions. They can meet a good type of Muslim gentlemen as they come to know professors in the Muslim University. We have a good munshi for those missionaries who are still studying Urdu. The Islamic work here in the winter months consists of supervised reading courses, with the preparation of personal reference-notebooks, and evening papers or lectures presented by the Staff.

The idea of a central Christian School of Indian Religions seems to be wearing out under further consideration. Our students value the morning, noon and night concentration on Islam, and on acquiring facilities and background for work with Muslims. The latest proposal is for a language study center on the plains in the winter similar to that in Landour, with something on Hinduism and Islam lumped in with other orientation lectures. We are willing to cooperate with the Language School in Landour on that basis, but on the plains we want a separate establishment, taking only such language students as are (1) studying Urdu and (2) who are ready to spend at least two hours a day in Islamic studies.

The distinctive differences between Christianity and Islam have to be thought out, re-stated and prayed over by each generation of missionaries, until they get convictions that are real in the sense that they make them their own and not mere echos. That is the kind of work that we fear would not be done in an institution with too many conglomerate interests. There is danger, it seems to me, lest a mere university consideration of religions as such should fail to strengthen purposes, or to develop discrimination, or to assume responsibility.

But here I have been writing to you just as in times of old, sharing problems from which you are officially retired, whereas all I really started out to do was to express our appreciation of your letter and to send to you and Mrs. Speer our very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Wright M. Ingham

Donaldson, Margaret W.



Dear
Mr. Munger

First Presbyterian Church

ROBERT BOYD MUNGER, Pastor

2407 Dana Street
Berkeley 4, California

August 7, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Would you kindly send to us a glossy picture of yourself so that we may have it for publicity purposes for the Evangelical Fellowship Conference this fall.

We would appreciate your sending to us at once the picture so that it may be reproduced on the advance leaflet which will be prepared right away and mailed out to all the ministers of Northern California.

It has been my privilege to serve this church as secretary for thirteen years and I remember with pleasure your being guest speaker at a Conference of the Evangelical Fellowship some ten or eleven years. I believe it was the first Conference held by the Fellowship.

Looking forward to meeting you again and receiving your picture for our publicity at an early date.

Cordially,

Margaret W. Donaldson
Mr. Munger's Secretary

Donaldson, Mary L.

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S.S. Stag Hound, one week from Shanghai,
June 16, 1946.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Having just finished reading your book, "Jesus and Our Human Problems", I wish to write to thank you for the help it brings. Also, for several years there has been a letter for you in my heart.

Many times my own weaknesses and sin have brought doubt and discouragement; but the challenge of your Christ-like character has ever stood as an undeniable fact. You have been for me as a sign-post, saying, "This is the way. Keep on trying." Then, when you used to preach during July at the Fifth Avenue Church, your method of ending practically every sermon with a challenge to really act upon the message gave me needed stimulus.

Also, you encouraged me to apply for appointment under our Board. Now, as I begin another term of service in China, I want to thank you with deepest gratitude for all that you have meant to me as a spiritual guide through the years.

How we have rejoiced in your restored health! May you have ever increasing joy and blessing with each year.

Very sincerely,
Mary L. Donaldson.

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1036 East Howard St., Douglass C.W.
Pasadena, Calif., July 11th
1944

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I am writing to you to say that our sister's (Emma Silvris) most honorable birthday anniversary, her 80th, occurs on July 25th, and we are sure that a note from you upon that occasion will be greatly appreciated. Her address is No. 873 East Howard St., Pasadena. She is active, and frequently addressing women's societies on China subjects. A recent address on "Madam Chiang Kai-Shek's Mother" was called for by a second and a third group.

Mrs. Douglass and I are in good health, and enjoy out-door life with our flowers, fruit trees, etc. We trust that you keep well.

With kindest regards, Cordially, C.W. Douglass.

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mr. Robert E. Spurr,
"Rockledge"
Lakeville,
Conn.

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CHINESE CHARACTER
"KAI" MEANING VICTORY

Dowey (!) Edward A., Jr.

310 Elm St.

Sumner, Pa.

July 21, 1946

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

During a brief visit to the Princeton
Institute of Theology, I heard you speak. It occurs
to me that an excerpt from the writings of John
Buchan which you quoted one morning is an
excellent antidote to the scurrilous picture of
Presbyterianism now abroad in the movie
named The Green Years. The passage I refer to
is a portrait of Buchan's father. Would you
please tell me where I can locate the passage,
or, if convenient, let me have a copy? Enclosed is
a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Your expositions of the 2nd and 3rd
chapters of 1st Timothy were extremely helpful to
me, a young minister and ex-chaplain, both for
the new insights I received and as examples
of a scholarly and inspirational expository
method. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours
Edward A. Dowey, Jr.

Downs, Francis S.

Statement of Dr. Francis Shunk Downs at meeting of San Francisco
Presbytery, June 18, 1945

It is with deep regret that I ask for my letter of transfer that will take me from the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., to the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

The Presbytery is aware how your decisions of last year concerning the elders, deacons and people of First Church, Berkeley, as well as its pastor, were considered by many as so unjust and un-Presbyterian, that a considerable number of officers and members left First Church, to return to it no more. You know a tree by its fruits and a decision by its effects.

These Presbyterians were scattering to many different denominations, or were going as a unit into another denomination. At this point I was invited in to counsel with them. I urged them to stick together and to petition this Presbytery to organize them into a new Presbyterian church. A considerable number did this. This particular group numbers over 200 and oversubscribed a budget of \$10,000.00. Obstacles and some opposition, however developed, and the absence of cordial cooperation in the Presbytery, led these Presbyterians to turn to the United Presbyterian Church of North America where, after full investigation they have been warmly welcomed and officially received and organized.

This new church, known as the Saint Paul's United Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, has recently extended a unanimous call to me. I have told them all along that I desired to remain in the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., which has meant much to me through all the years of my ministry. But the providential circumstances surrounding the creation and organization of this new Saint Paul's Church, their unanimity to have me as their under-shepherd, and the opportunities for Christ and the Kingdom of God in the growing city of Berkeley, with its expanding interests in this strategic area and its great university, have led me to feel it was my duty at this particular time to accept their call.

The reciprocal relations that so happily exist in this country between the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. and the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and the steady exchange in pastorates of ministers going back and forth from the one denomination to the other, has also been a factor in my decision.

Every opportunity and honor which this Presbytery has given me during the past thirteen years I appreciate, and those of your body whom I delight to call friends I shall always cherish.

As members together of one great Presbyterian family, may we look forward to the day when the different Presbyterian communions in our beloved land will be one Presbyterian Church, one Lord, one faith, yes, one all over the earth.

Downs, Francis S.

753 Santa Barbara Road
Berkeley 7, California
June 23, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

You have doubtless heard, during the past year, of some of the problems that have confronted me here in Berkeley due to the activities of a little minority group in First Church who would not accept the official acts of the big majority of the officers and members of the church. San Francisco Presbytery sided with this little minority group in decisions which the overwhelming majority felt were unjust to the elders, deacons and membership of the church as well as the pastor. There has never come to my attention, either by observation or through reading the history of our church anything like it.

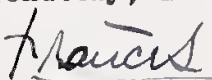
As a result of these decisions, many hundreds of the best officers and members of the church left it. They were scattering everywhere when they asked me to counsel them as to their future course. Contrary to the desire of ninety per cent. of them, I persuaded them to remain in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and if they could not go back to First Church then to petition Presbytery to organize them into a new church in this rapidly growing and strategic city. This was on the way to successful completion when the same group in Presbytery that had joined with the little minority of First Church began to place obstacles in the way. Over 200 of the best people of the church of the large group that had left the church then turned to the United Presbyterian Church and after full investigation were warmly welcomed and organized into the Saint Paul's United Presbyterian Church of Berkeley.

I am enclosing copies of my farewell statement to First Church, a newspaper clipping of the organization of Saint Paul's United Presbyterian Church and a statement which I read at our Presbytery meeting last Monday which, following the granting of my letter from the San Francisco Presbytery to the United Presbyterian Church was made an official part of the minutes of the meeting.

I have often wished that I could have conferred with you concerning these matters, but these two enclosures may bring to you a little bit of the spirit I have endeavored to show and the sense of duty that has lead me for the time being to decide as I have.

Mrs. Downs and Betty Bayard are well and we are happy in the Lord and His work. I would be very glad to hear from you at any time you may feel it convenient to write. We rejoice in the renewed strength that is your portion, and send our christian greetings to you and yours.

Affectionately, as always,


Francis Shunk Downs

Downs, Francis S.

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRANCIS SHUNK DOWNS, D. D., Pastor

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

THE PASTOR'S STUDY
753 Santa Barbara Road
Berkeley 7, California

August 15, 1945 -

Dear Dr. Speer,

Thank you very much for your recent letter. I share the sentiments you expressed relative to our U. S. A. and our U. P. Churches.

Our new St. Paul's Church is a vigorous, happy & growing organization. On Aug. 5th we had our first Communion service. Nearly 200 were known to have communed & 27 new members were received into the church.

I'm enclosing a copy of my Installation program & also one of our Calendars, which was started Aug. 5 & will be issued each week.

Mrs. Downs, Betty Bayard & I leave tomorrow for several weeks down on the Monterey Peninsula.

All hearts are full of thanksgiving that Japan has surrendered. But great & complex are the problems of peace. What tremendous opportunities for the Gospel!

With every good wish for you & with warm affection,
As always,

Francis.

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SAINT PAUL'S UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRANCIS SHUNK DOWNS, D. D., Pastor
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIATHE PASTOR'S STUDY
753 Santa Barbara Road
Berkeley 7, California

April 23, 1946

Dear Mr. Speer,

I appreciated very much your letter of several months ago. Our new St. Paul's Church goes steadily forward. The enclosed calendars & clipping will give you a few recent facts & some summaries of the past year (10 mo.)

The congregations have consistently been good & above average attendance while the giving of the people has been quite remarkable, as churches go. We have no wealth, but a goodly number are tithers & more, & nearly all on the Communicant roll are active. I believe the per capita giving is more than double, almost triple that of the United Presbyterian denomination, which, as you know, is near the top.

Our plans & that of the architect are maturing. Our various organizations are progressing fine but our young people's activities & growth are hindered by lack of a Church building & the facilities that young people's needs demand.

Our Session has heartily endorsed the proposed Union with the Reformed Church of America. I have had letters recently from Dr. Kilson, W.P. Chair. & my friend N.Y. Reformed Ch. Chairman & others on the respective Commissions. It looks very favorable & I believe & pray the two Churches will soon be one. Men - Marshall members in the U.S. of our Presbyterian family take steps to become one.

Mrs. Downes & I had John Mackley for a day in our home here when he was lecturing in these parts - his

messages were timely, scholarly & inspiring.

I expect to attend the W.P. General Body. ed Tarlio, Mo.
→ Come on East for some church, board & college appointments.
We induct the first negro President at Lincoln Univ.
on June 4 - shall be at Lafayette for my class reunion.

It would mean much to see you - I plan to see
the friends at "156." Mrs. Downs & Betty Bayard join
me in greetings. Where is your daughter Margaret now?

You & yours are in my remembrances & prayers.
I look forward to reading your new book, & I hope
to see you in the not too distant future.

With every good wish -

As ever,

Affectionately,

Francis

Downs, F.

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DAVID B. SKILLMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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EASTON, PA.

September 17, 1946

Francis Shunk Downs, D.D.,
753 Santa Barbara Road,
Berkeley 7, Calif.

Dear Dr. Downs:

I have your letter of September 9th and it would be a great pleasure to me to find a letter written by Cotton Mather in the Easton Argue, but the situation is this: the file of the Easton Argus at the Easton Library I believe is complete. It starts in 1827 and continues until the paper merged with the Easton Express in 1916. It is bound flat making tremendous tomes, deeply buried in the basement at the Library. Because of the close printing, the lack of headlines and the condition of the paper it is an extremely slow process to find anything that is wanted. The way I handled it when I was writing my History was to have a truck bring to my house ten volumes at a time and then I had a secretary who went over each issue of the newspaper and made a list of all articles pertinent to the college history. I had a special stand made so that the large volumes could be handled without undue fatigue or without damage to them. You can't work with them flat. I only read what the secretary called my attention to. It took the secretary several weeks to go over a ten volume lot. From this you can see what a job it would be to try to find Cotton Mather's letter in the Argus. If you could give me an approximate date or some indicia whereby the letter could be readily identified, I might be able to get somebody at the Library to find it. From your letter I gather that it is not readily identifiable and there is apparently uncertainty as to who wrote it.

I am sorry not to be able to give you a more satisfactory answer but I think from what I have said it will be clear to you that it would be like hunting for a needle in the haystack with a pretty big haystack and a pretty small needle, and when I tell you that I worked every night this Summer, save three, and am still paying the penalty for a one week's vacation, you will realize how difficult it would be for me to try to find the letter.

I am awfully glad you have the chairmanship in the New Era Campaign in San Francisco. It gives me confidence that we will have the same splendid results in that area so far removed from the College as we have had in those nearer home.

DAVID B. SKILLMAN

Dr. Downs

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Sept. 17, 1946

We open up Monday with an enrollment of 1500, by far the biggest we have ever had and, as you know, 500 more than we are built to accommodate. There will be 40 new members of the faculty and it will be an occasion such as has never been witnessed on the hill before.

With very best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David B Skillman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Sincerely,".

DBS:MP

Downs, Francis

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SAINT PAUL'S UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRANCIS SHUNK DOWNS, D. D., Pastor
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 26, 1946

THE PASTOR'S STUDY
753 Santa Barbara Road
Berkeley 7, California

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I was glad to get your letter from your home that you had arrived safely and found all well. It was a real privilege to have you in our Conference and also in our home. Thank you for the photo-static copy of the editorial in the Easton Argus. It is interesting reading and I share the hope with you that the Massachusetts Historical Society will try and clear the matter up.

The week after you left, at a splendid congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church, the final plans were unanimously approved for our new church buildings. Within the providence of God, we hope to break ground in the not too distant future.

Yesterday in San Francisco we had a happy and important meeting of our Board of Directors of the Evangelical Fellowship. I am confident that the actions taken and what will flow from them will strengthen, enlarge the opportunity and command a much greater response in the years that lie ahead. For all you have given and meant to us, we are deeply indebted and thankful.

Mrs. Downs and Betty Bayard join me in warm regards and greetings to you and Mrs. Speer.

~~Ever affectionately yours,~~
Francis

Downs, Francis

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRANCIS SHUNK DOWNS, D. D., Pastor
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

January 14, 1947,

THE PASTOR'S STUDY
753 Santa Barbara Road
Berkeley 7, California

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I was glad to hear from you several days ago, but deeply chagrined that you had not as yet received the second check from the Treasurer of The Evangelical Fellowship for the amount still owed you. I have taken the matter up with Mr. Archibald, the Treasurer, who, by the way, left soon after the Conference in November for a month's business trip in the East. This explains in part why there has been some delay. The Board of Directors are meeting next Monday and Mr. Archibald assures me that you will hear from him in a few days. May I say that personally I have had no responsibility this year for the finances, but on every count ~~and~~ I most deeply regret that this matter, as always in the past, was not cleared promptly according to arrangements made and agreed upon. I conveyed to the Treasurer the substance of your letter regarding this matter and I am sure that you will hear from him in the very near future.

Thank you for your good wishes regarding our St. Paul's Church. We have a splendid site, which now is entirely paid for and the American Board of Missions of Puttsburgh, which is giving us an outright gift of \$10,000 and in addition a loan of \$10,000.00 has approved our investing \$100,000, most of which has been pledged, in our church buildings.

I read in "The Church Times" of the dinner given to Dr. Mott in recognition of the Nobel Peace Award given to him. It must have been a wonderful evening and it warmed my heart to read of the ovation you received when you arose to speak.

The family join me in cordial greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

Ever affectionately,

Francis

FSD/h.



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Jamestown College
Jamestown, North Dakota

ARTHUR J. DRESSLER
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION

March 20 - 1946

Mr Robert E. Speer,
Norwalk, Conn.

Dear Mr Speer: I have been trying to get (15-) copies of your little (but mighty) book - "John's Gospel - the greatest Book in the world". I bought my copy in 1916. Now I am using the book in connection with a course in "John's life & letters". We have 15- students in the class & we are trying to let God speak to us as we study the Gospel reverently & prayerfully. It is a wonderful experience to have this fine group of earnest Christian students.

I sent to Blessings Book Store in Chicago for your book but they had none at present. I wonder if you might know where the book might be found in the east. The book has been a great blessing to me through the years & I would like to see this group of students to add the book to their respective libraries.

This information will be deeply appreciated,

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Dressler.

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PAUL M. DUFF
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P. O. Box 57
PITTSBURGH, PA.

August 21, 1945
Dict. 8/20/45

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

My family and I were very much delighted with your sermon at the Sixth U. P. Church here yesterday, and I should like to express our appreciation for the inspiration which we received.

In the forepart of your sermon you quoted a child's brief prayer involving remembrance of his Creator. If it would not be too much trouble, I should be very grateful if you would either quote that for me or let me have a reference to its source. We should like to have it for our boys.

With every good wish for your health and continued service.

Very respectfully,

Paul M. Duff

P. M. Duff

PMD/mek

Enclosure - Return Envelope

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JOHN W. DULANEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
TUNICA, MISS.

12 October 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

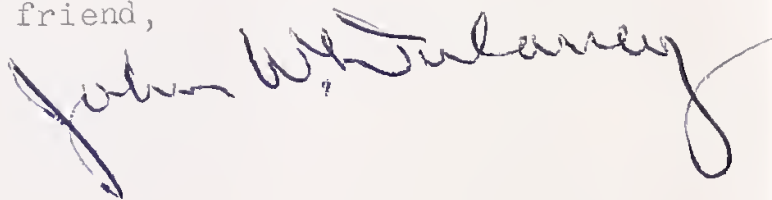
Dear Dr. Speer:

I have thought frequently of you and Mrs. Speer and wondered how you were getting along. I was very much pleased to learn that Rev. T. T. Williams of Tunica had seen you this summer, and appreciated your inquiry about me.

During the past year I have written a short manuscript, in which I have attempted to express certain religious convictions, and in which I have taken the liberty of mentioning your name. If you and Mrs. Speer will do me the favor of reading it and making any comments, I shall appreciate it very much.

With best wishes to both of you, I remain

Your friend,



JWD:abs

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JOHN W. DULANEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
TUNICA, MISS.

January 26th, 1947.

Dear Dr. Steer:

I hope that you will not consider the time that has passed since I received your letter as any indication of the measure of my appreciation.

Most of all, I appreciate your expression of the wish that we might sit together and talk of these things. It was such a wish on my part that prompted me to send "Aio's Prayer" to you. If you plan to be in any Southern city this spring or summer, and have the time, I shall try to see you.

I delayed writing until I could obtain and read Dr. Steer's book. I was impressed by many things he said, most, perhaps, by his suggestion for a new devotional system, and his statement that theology should

JOHN W. DULANEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
TUNICA, MISS.

be re-written in each generation. I would couple these together and include some of the later with the former. I wonder what would happen, if some Sunday a minister would pass out a pencil and paper to each person and say, "I ask each of you to write something on his sheet of paper that he believes beyond any doubt whatever." Today's theology should not be a preacher's theology but a people's theology - I believe they are longing for it.

Of course, I read at once the verses to which you referred me. They do, indeed, give comfort and assurance.

Christmas, I gave my daughter a copy of my manuscript. I enclose copy of a letter which I inserted as a sort of preface.

Thanking you again and with kindest regards to Mrs. Spier,
Sincerely,
J. W. Dulaney

Christmas, 1946

Dear Mary Rita:

This is your copy of the first edition of Aia's Prayer. The other two have gone to Dr. Speer and Bishop Gray after being read by Brother George.

I am glad that you read it while you were above the clouds flying home from Atlanta for thanksgiving. (I omit the capital T, since it was truly one this year, with all of us together for the first time since the War.

I have read the suggestion that if men had had wings to start with, our minds would have developed very differently. I can easily believe this, because, when I am up, I have a feeling of detachment from the world as I look down on the little roads and farms and houses where the little people live. New York City gave me the impression of some kind of elaborate toy for children to play with.

Men have always looked up and said God was there. If we can now look down and more easily say that God is also there, we have doubled our vision.

Early man had infinity all around him and often used it to his spiritual advantage and ours. There were not only the skies, but there were mountains he could not climb, oceans which had only one shore, lands that stretched out indefinitely, and beneath him, judging by what went on at the surface, there was something horrible without limit.

To these people God was revealed. Some say that they created God in their own image. They were not that smart. But God could not be revealed to them except in conceptions

they could attain, and they made a lot better use of what they had than we are doing today.

God does not change, but man's conception of God must continually grow.

Whenever we let religion catch up with science in the new patterns of thought, the old truth will still be there, but it will shine in a way the world has not seen before.

All of Aia's questions are not yet answered, but I think they will be.

For instance, if God really speaks to every soul, when does he first speak to a little baby? I do not know, but I think it may be whenever he first responds to his mother's smile.

If you will follow this thought through you will arrive at a conclusion which may startle you. Still later you may be amazed to discover that Saint Paul reached the same conclusion, but his words could not mean much to you until you travelled there by yourself.

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Frederick S. Duncan
230 Park Avenue
New York

February 3, 1947

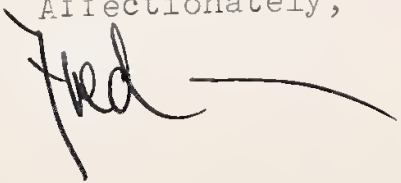
Dear Bob,

A letter from Emma makes me all the more anxious to see her and you on the first available occasion. She writes that you are coming to Englewood on the 4th of March and I find that you are slated to speak that night at one of our Lenten services. I want you to come and stay with me at my new apartment at Brinckerhoff Manor. If by any chance you are going to be in New York prior to March 4th or immediately afterwards I would love to have you make my apartment your headquarters. I will see that you get to and from the city by car. Better yet, why dont you and Emma come down in time to spend Sunday, March 2 with me in Englewood, attending the service at the Church and seeing a little of your friends here and staying until after the Lenten service of Tuesday night. It would be a great joy to me to see you both. I have much that I would like to talk over with each of you. I have good accommodation for you both and we could have a grand time.

My love to you both,

Affectionately,

Mr. Robert F. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut.



(Duncan), Frederick S.

March 18 1947

185 E Palisade Ave
311 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD, N.J.

Dear Bob and Emma

I put Bob first simply because he came to visit me - not because he is first in my affections. That place of course is held by Emma, ever since she so generously forgave me for my better attack years ago, on her boy friend George Bernard Shaw. No doubt I did a valiant job in protecting R. E. S. from the villainous attack of the O'Hork. I have adventures and I did thoroughly believe in the innocuous

of the defendant - but after all
that was so considerable extent
a matter of professional duty

Nevertheless indeed have
lots of fun didn't we going over
old times and old friends
I do hope that sometime when
Gemma is not overwhelmed with
grandchildren I may get you
both down here to see the
Church and the town and
old friends -

To you both my
warmest love and to your
family including the wee
old Sheer wauchild -

Affectionately
Fred

P.S. I am so proud to
know someone who is
properly to be classed with
Archbishop Spellman.!

for Mr Robert E Sheer

Dunham, Flora E.

May 16, 1947

87 Boiling Springs Ave,
East Rutherford, N.J.

Rev John O. Mellin;-
Dear Mr Mellin;-

I am sending ny "Bi-monthly reminder" to you again in the absence of Dr Moldenhawer. I don't know why it should take so long for a Presbyterian Church of all Churches to decide on "Fair-play."

I remind you that-

- (1) A Nurse, who was not a "trained nurse" - was "looked after."
- (2) A Musical Director, who was not a Musician- was "looked after."
- (3) A Sister of a deceased Staff-worker, though NEVER a paid worker herself- was "looked after."
- (4&5) Two Sunday School Teachers- were "looked after."

These FIVE, "let go" the same season of '41-'42 recieved a total allowance of \$1525 a year, while the Organist (let go the same season, likewise to cut expenses)- recieved nothing, nothing, nothing. THIS your Church SANCTIONED as you have "assumed responsibility" over Emmanuel.

I write again for an explanation of the situation. May God help you to "deal justly."

Yours very sincerely,
Flora E Dunham

May 16, 1947

Dwight, Winthrop E.

Dwight E. Scoville
Winthrop E. Dwight

63 Wall Street
New York 5

CABLE ADDRESS-SCODWIGHT

June 12, 1944

Rev. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Doctor Speer:

Neither I myself, nor my surviving friends, who know enough stories of my early life to "hang me", can recollect the pleasant incident you mention in your letter to me.

However, the incident must be true and requires no further proof, because President Hadley told it to you. I had the privilege of knowing President Hadley well from my boyhood and he is, I believe, the one man whom I have ever known who had an absolutely infallible memory.

With my best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Winthrop E. Dwight

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REV. THEODORE DWULIT
1813 - SEVENTH AVE.
TROY, NEW YORK

Sept. 20, 1944.

My Dear Dr. Speer:

The enclosed letter explains itself.
Your late son Elliott was my dearest
friend. The tragedy occurred while
I was abroad.

Will you kindly furnish me
some information about cir-
cumstances of the tragic end of
your son, to be used in my memoirs.

Thanking you in advance for your
kindness I regret to renew your
sorrows and I remain

P.S.

Kindly return
Parker's letter

Yours in Christ
The Dowd

She must not
Cross State

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THE REV. BARNETT S. EBY
PASTOR

MISS HELEN INGERSOLL
SECRETARY

April 23rd, 1946.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

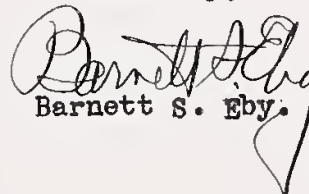
Dear Dr. Speer:

The appreciation of your wonderful ministry in West Philadelphia last week continues to grow as people have time to reflect upon the privilege that was ours.

We here in St. Paul feel especially rewarded for the word that you brought to us on Wednesday night in our own sanctuary. It was good for us to be there. We hope you will accept this little honorarium as a token of our esteem and appreciation and we hope that you will be spared for many years to continue to give of the rich fruit of your mature reflection for the good of us all.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,


Barnett S. Eby.

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SHERWOOD EDDY

52 VANDERBILT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY 17

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

July 11, 1944

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Mrs. Speer:

I have undertaken to write a volume of missionary biographies, trying to tell the story of the modern crusade of missions of our Student Volunteer Movement. The enclosed sheet will give you an idea of the rough outline I had in mind. The first chapter begins with that Yale Band led by Pitkin (before I ever dreamt of being a missionary,) and the last chapter takes three world evangelists, Robert Speer, John R. Mott, and Stanley Jones. Now I have all the facts about Mott; they have been written up again and again; and I know Stanley Jones.

This letter is confidential. I dare not ask your good husband for facts for I know of his shrinking unwillingness to ever say anything about himself. He was the greatest inspiration to me year after year in the early days in Northfield. He helped me also when I was a young secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in New York in 1891, just after college, when I used to go down to his room when he had just joined the Presbyterian Board.

I suppose you live out of the Grand Central Station and must come into that station some times. If you are ever in the city during this hot summer, July or August, would you be good enough to grant me a half hour at least, or an hour if possible, for an interview about your husband and his life work? My office is just across from the Grand Central Station on Vanderbilt Avenue. It can be reached underground from the station just beyond the entrance to the Yale Club on the way to the Roosevelt Hotel. You could meet me there, Room 1101, or in the waiting room of the station, or any place convenient to you. I would be exceedingly grateful for an interview about Robert and his work. Would you be good enough to grant this when you are next in the city and can find a few minutes to spare?

I beg of you to keep this confidential. I am not asking permission of any man on the list to write about him. The names were chosen after consultation with a number, but I must write about these three world evangelists, Speer, Mott, and Stanley Jones. I cannot leave out your good husband.

Very sincerely yours,

Sherwood Eddy
Can you tell me of any books by or about Robert or Reports of Conventions etc that might contain useful material

SHERWOOD EDDY

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Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

October 25, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Robert Speer:

I really want to thank you for your very brief note to me in which you did not absolutely forbid my writing your biography along with a score of others. My custom is to write rapidly and tentatively, in the rough, and get the material out in front of me where I can criticize it. I have written a brief section about yourself and send it herewith to you, not for your approval--knowing your attitude I cannot hope for that--but only asking that if you or Mrs. Speer find any errors, anything that is untrue, unfair, or unwise, you will write the correction, addition, or subtraction on this copy and return it to me in the enclosed envelope, either corrected or as it is.

Knowing so little, it is impossible for me to get it all right at this distance and with all my limitations. Hoping that you see your way to do this, and assuring you that your return of the manuscript corrected or uncorrected will not imply to my mind your approval,

Very sincerely yours,

Sherwood Eddy

*answered -
EEDY,
Oct. 27.
Mrs. Speer for
Mamma B
Burr*

At the Students' Conference at Keswick in the Summer of 1894, the student leaders of Britain, Joe Oldham, Temple Gairdner, and Douglas Thornton, were simply bowled over. After hearing Speer speak on the watchword, Gairdner wrote in his diary:

Speer simply God-inspired. "Evangelization of the World in this Generation." Never heard anything like it. Oldham and I walk up the road and give ourselves to God.

After that night spent alone on the neighboring mountain, the Druids' Circle, Donald Fraser--who was to lead the Student Volunteer Movement ^{for} ~~in~~ Great Britain and Ireland before he became the David Livingstone of Livingstonia, South Africa, and later a leader in the reawakening of Scotland--returned quietly to the Glasgow University Tent the next morning. A fellow student in that tent wrote:

After that we all felt a prophetic touch of leadership was on Donald Fraser. . . . That night was a turning point of crisis not only for that one soul, but for hundreds who followed in Africa, Scotland, and the Student Movement.


Gairdner wrote of Douglas Thornton, who was his fellow missionary in Cairo, concerning his experience on that night:

The whole inner man suddenly expanded; new visions floated before his astonished eyes; horizon opened out on horizon; deep called to deep. His flaring zeal settled down into a clear burning flame.

While Thornton himself wrote in his diary:

For the first time some ten of us at least began to realize that we individually were responsible for the Evangelization of the World in this Generation. B. and I had to get away quietly three miles out on the hills, from 9 to 12 p.m. to let God speak to us face to face. It was an awful time.

A watchword that thus commanded Wilder, Mott, and Speer; and then ten leaders of the British Student Christian Movement, including these four remarkable men, Donald Fraser, Joe Oldham, Temple Gairdner, and Douglas Thornton had both meaning and power for the men of that day. On a single night the veil is lifted for a moment to let us catch a glimpse of the working of God's Spirit through Robert Speer in the hearts of these ten leaders as revealed in their diaries and in their biographies written long afterward.¹ Yet this night was only one of ten thousand nights in which human hearts were touched and often moved for life by this man of God, Robert Speer.

There are no Christian "virtues" resembling the four cardinal virtues of the Greeks, for all our righteousness is as filthy rags, but on every one of the four cardinal attitudes and relationships which characterize the life and teaching of Jesus--humility, faith, moral purity, and love--Speer ranks high indeed. Like 

1. See Constance Pedwick's, Temple Gairdner of Cairo, p. 48; W. H. T. Gairdner, D. M. Thornton, p. 30; Agnes R. Fraser, Donald Fraser, p. 27. This remarkable result of one man's influence on four of these ten lives--and we must remember that there were always others of whom we know nothing--was discovered and is traced by Miss Ruth Rouse in her forthcoming History of the World's Student Christian Federation.

SHERWOOD EDDY
52 VANDERBILT AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

November 3, 1944

Mrs. Robert Speer
care of Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin
Eighty Claremont Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Speer:

I enclose a page which after revision I would like to insert in Robert's Life. It is really very remarkable to see what happened in those ten lives, that came out years afterwards in the diaries and biographies of these men, through the one-hour address of Robert on the Watchword.

I shall be remembering him before and after his last operation. As a joke, I remember asking my doctor if I could read the Saturday Evening Post while he operated. He said "We will give you a shot of Novocaine and you will be probably so drowsy that you will not be interested in the Saturday Evening Post." I could see the doctor at my side who administered the Novocaine. I finally asked him if the surgeon had come. He said he had. Then I asked, "Why does not he begin the operation?" He laughed and said, "Do you hear those shears? He has been operating for forty-five minutes and the operation is practically finished."

There was not as much sensation as in a haircut. At least you know the barber is cutting your hair, but I did not know the surgeon was operating. During and after the operation it was completely painless.

Remembering you always,

Faithfully yours,

Sherwood Eddy

(Outline of a book on missionary biographies)

Crusading Missionaries or The Modern Missionary Crusade

World Pioneers or World Pathfinders

Great Missionaries I Have Known

by

Sherwood Eddy

- I The Student Volunteer Missionary Crusade that drew sixteen thousand of us from the colleges with brief account of the Yale Volunteer Band, Pitkin's martyrdom, Luce as an educator in China, Frank Keller who first opened up Hunan, Lobenstine who became head of the China Christian Council, Whittemore who took part in the evangelistic revival in Korea, etc.
- II Missionaries of India: Bishop Thoburn and the beginnings of the mass movement; Isabella Thoburn and her college. I knew Mrs. Addis who had worked with Adoniram Judson before 1820; I might give a brief dramatic account of Judson's life and then of the work of William Carey. Dr. Miller of the Madras Christian College as typical educator like Alexander Duff; the great Dane, L. P. Larsen; possibly Robert Hume; Amy Wilson Carmichael; C. F. Andrews; some agricultural missionary, perhaps like Sam Higginbotham; Bishop Azariah, Bishop Abraham of the Syrian Church.
- III Missionaries of China: The pioneers, Timothy Richard and ^{W. P.} P. Martin, F. L. Hawkes Pott and the great educators, Hudson Taylor, the China Inland Mission, etc. Some modern missionaries like Bishop Bashford, Leighton Stuart or Dr. Walter Judd, Karl Reichelt, the Norwegian, and his Christian Buddhist hostel; some Chinese like Jimmie Yen and Dr. Wu of Ginling College.
- IV Japan Missionaries: Guido Verbeck, Dr. Jerome Davis who worked with Neesima in founding the Doshisha; possibly Kagawa.
- V Grenfel of Labrador.
- VI Moslem Missionaries: Zwemer and Gairdner and Dr. Paul Harrison.
- VII Missionaries of Africa: Donald Fraser, the Uganda Mission, and one African like Agrey.
- VIII World Evangelists: Robert Speer, John R. Mott, Stanley Jones.

Notes: Please indicate preferred title and names to omit or to add to the above list.

Edmunds, H. Spencer

Wb
First Presbyterian Church
Easton, Pennsylvania

H. Spencer Edmunds, D. D.
Minister

November 3, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Let me thank you again for coming to us. Your services have done us a great good, and I feel that the church will be stronger as the months come and go, because of your visit. It was a great personal pleasure to me to be with you during these past four days.

At the meeting of our Session last night it was voted to invite Dr. Bonnell to come to our church next fall. It was also suggested that you might be willing to help us secure him. If you can make an opportunity to do so, we will be further grateful to you.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. Spencer Edmunds

H. Spencer Edmunds

HSE/bt

MS

Marguerite M. Elder

Elder, Marguerite M.

6112 Alder Street Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania

June 4 1945

Dr. Robert E Speer

Lakeville

Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Knowing that you are interested in and very good authority on books, I am taking the liberty of asking you about two that I have in my library .

One is MOSES & ARON

CIVIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL RITES,

USED BY THE ANCIENT HEBREWS

By Thomas Godwyn, B. D.

"Printed by S. G. at the Green Dragon and

Crown in St Pauls Churchyard, 1655.

The other is A TREATISE concerning RELIGIOUS AFFECTIONS

By Jonathan Edwards, A. M.

Printed in Edinburgh John Gray 1772.

If you would care for either or both of these books I would be very glad to send them to you.

Very sincerely
Marguerite M. Elder.

Elliott ? A.J.

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Dear Bob:

It was most gracious and thoughtful of you to send me such a beautiful congratulatory anniversary note. I have not words to express how great is my admiration for you and how deeply you have influenced my life from the first time that I heard you at Lake Geneva in 1894 or 1895, to the present time. I have not only been lifted by your messages and personal conferences, but I possess copies of practically all of your books and they are heavily underlined.

It is a great time in which to be living and I never believed more in the message of Christ that I have tried to proclaim than I do at the present time. The Grace of God is our only hope.

Always,

Loyally yours,

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CHARLES C. ELLIS
PRESIDENT EMERITUS

June 12, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

I am sure I do not need to indicate to you the sincere appreciation of our conference for the inspiration which you brought to us last night. I would, however, like to take occasion to say again how much our conference did appreciate your willingness to speak to us and to add to it my own word of personal appreciation for your willingness to render this service.

Knowing the desire of our people that the Missionary Convocation should if possible reach the heights of the conference and knowing also that your life-long interest in and your profound knowledge of world-wide missions would enable you to assist in this as few others could, I was deeply gratified to know that the Mission Board wished to extend this invitation to you. I trust that they will plan for an appropriate honorarium in recognition of your invaluable service to us.

With every good wish and the prayer for the continuance of God's blessing upon your great service for our Lord, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Charles C. Ellis

CCE/fzc

Ellis, Jessie Lee

Strove, Ohio

Jan. 17th

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My dear Dr. Speer: -

Your name is very dear in our family and ever since Christmas I've had it in mind to convey the family greetings to you. We hope you and Mrs Speer are enjoying good health, and all your family likewise.

It is always a joy to us when we read anything about you.

Our family were all together for Christmas, - a most memorable and happy one - All are doing a grand service - Edwin, ^{our} ^{Hudson, O.} eldest is a teacher at Western Reserve,

Acad. has a nice little family, Paul, a Presbyterian minister in Ashita-bula, O. also has a wife and little daughter, Margaret married to a fine southern manufacturer, and Robert

safe home from his perilous Italian
campaign is busy getting his Master's
degree at Chicago, Univ. Wilder and
I are leading busy lives here, when he
has a large practice - There is a large
group of us Persia missionaries, in "woster
and we enjoy" goodly fellowship "often."
I notice you have a new book of medi-
tations out and I am sending for it
for Robert, for I felt it would mean
more to him, prepared by you, of whom
he has heard all his life - He needs a
touch of your life and spirit on his -
He is earnestly preparing for some phase of
international service -
Our loving best wishes to you
Justice Lee Ellis -

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March 30, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The writer is constrained to express to you his deep appreciation of your fine messages delivered at Old Stone Church last week which made a very helpful and rich contribution to the spiritual lives of those who were privileged to hear you.

As I look back over the years, more than forty, when I corresponded with you relative to securing Dr. Sam Higginbottom to represent the Gospel Church as their Living Link I have availed myself of every opportunity to hear you and I want to thank you for the inspiration and the edification you have always supplied in my life.

With high esteem and warmest personal regards, remain.

Sincerely yours,

Engelhardt, Elizabeth Shaw
Glenshaw Avenue
Glenshaw, Pennsylvania
September 30, 1946

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My dear Mr. Speer:

In your wonderful messages at the Synod and Synodical meetings this summer you used a poem that I would appreciate having.

"A little Boy of Heavenly birth
Was given
For His Hall, The Earth."

I wrote rapidly, but alas I have lost my dictation speed, during twenty-nine years of home making.

I have been asked to
conduct the Warship
Service at our Pittsburgh
Home Missionary Meeting
October the sixteenth and
would like to use the
poem at that time.

Thank you for your
inspiring sermons on
"And there shall be a
new Heaven and a new
Earth, wherein dwelleth
righteousness"

Sincerely
Elizabeth Shaw Engelhardt

Erdman, Charles

September 10, 1944

CAMP EAGLES EYRIE

LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

Dear Robert

Please remember me among the great host of friends who are rejoicing with you on the glad anniversary of your birthday. You have greatly enriched our lives. May you be spared for many more years of fruitful service.

Yours affectionately

Charlie
Erdman

(Erdman) Charles

September 10, 1945

CAMP EAGLES EYRIE

LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

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Dear Robert

Please number
me among the hosts of
friends who are rejoicing with
you in the observance of
another high-day anniversary

In full appreciation
of your years of rich and
fruitful service -

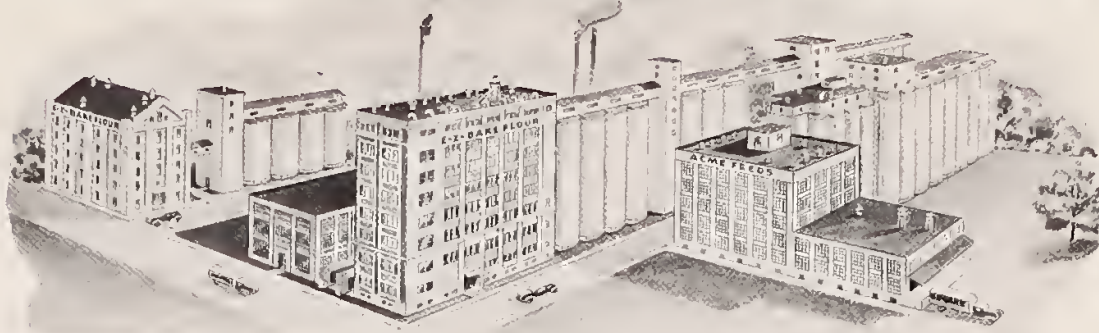
Yours affectionately -

Charlie

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Noticing that you are on the Editorial Council of "Theology Today" I beg to call your attention to the enclosed booklet, hoping that you may add your influence to the effort to bring Religion as a required course into the curriculum of non-state supported colleges. Now that the German philosophies have been thoroughly discounted it is time for their influence to cease being a factor in American education as it has been in many years past.

I shall be pleased to have your comment and any suggestions as to bringing about the increase in the Biblical and Religious status in colleges.

Sincerely,

Edgar H. Evans

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Mar 23-45

Dr. Robert E. Spear
Rock Ledge, Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Spear:

You were very kind to write me on
Mar 13 regarding my booklet. I am writing another
one and may want to use your letter in connection
with your name if that is agreeable to you or perhaps
without your name if that would be more satisfactory.

I shall be in this hotel till Mar 31 and
later mail should be sent to my Indianapolis address

Thanking you for your kindness I am

Sincerely yours

Edgar H. Evans

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Dear Dr. Speer:

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Robert Jones

If you were responsible for securing a faculty, one of the leading members of which would be fully competent to teach the subject of Foreign Missions-- by both field and home experience, may I ask you who you would suggest? I will very much appreciate your suggestion in this regard. Many thanks.

I am sending this letter care of the 156 office, not knowing your address.

Dr. Zwemer will be out here in Feb. and I will have the privilege of asking him for the same information I am asking from you.

With kindest regards, in which Louis joins me.

I am, yours most cordially

William Evans

Louis' church has been so crowded ---hundreds turned away each Sunday morning---that the church now has duplicate services each Sunday a.m.--9:30 and 10:45, with about 1200 at the first service and the church filled, 1700 the second service. S' folks IN HOLLYWOOD do go to church.

Evans, William M.

1328 A Ave., N.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Oct. 10, 1944

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Robert C. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York
N. Y.

Dear Mr. Speer:

You do not know me, but I remember hearing you speak at a Sunday School Convention - in the First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa - in the summer of 1895. I was a Home Missionary in Iowa.

My purpose in this letter is to express to you my heartfelt appreciation of your excellent article in "The Presbyterian" of Oct. 5, '44, on the life work of Mr. Watson M. Haye, in China. He and I graduated in the Class of 1882, Western Theo. Sem., Pittsburg, Iowa (or more) of our class - became Foreign Missionaries; A. C. Good in Africa, W. M. Haye in China + J. P. Heath - for a few years in Siam + Japan. Mr. Good founded a great work in Africa. Ten of my class came to Iowa - in response to an urgent appeal for Home Missionaries. I am the only one of the ten - whose entire ministry has been spent in Iowa (except Rev. C. E. Laughlin - who was accidentally drowned - in the first year he spent in Iowa so far as I know, "I only am left" of the 35 graduates of W.T.S. Class of 1882. Four members of the class were outstanding in scholarship + prospective usefulness. -

1. Henry C. Minton - brilliant student become moderator of the General Assembly. and held several prominent positions in the Church.
2. James H. Kyle - a ^{personal} favorite among his fellows - went as a Home Missionary to Utah - later transferred to the Congregational Church - made a favorable impression in a Fourth of July - address - was put forth as a "dark horse" in So. Dak. Legislature - "dead-lock" and elected to the U.S. Senate. He served one term - was re-elected - but died of pneumonia early in his second term.

3. William Oxley Thompson - also became - Moderator of the Gen. Assembly. He was one of the 10 home missionaries - who came to Iowa. Later he put "Miami Univ." Oxford, Ohio (long stranded) on its feet again - ^{was} served as President of Ohio University - some 25 years - + was known as "The Irish Citizen of Ohio" his native state.

4. Halsey M. Hays - a quiet - unassuming student, liked and admired. I remember that in his trial sermon before Faculty and students he was especially pleasing in the graceful delivery of his manuscript sermon. I have seen him only once since. May 1882 - then only to see him at a distance - but not to speak to him. ^{at St Paul, 1929} Dr. W. O. Thompson had visited with him - and we tried to find Hays - our classmate - but he had ^{made his speech and} left the Assembly. I do not know that any of our class have done more than ^{his} Good in Africa + Hays in ^{here} China. My ministry has been largely in Col. College during the Presidency of Mrs. S. B. McCormick, ^{Jr.} Margie and F. M. Gage. dull hearing and dimming vision unfit me for pulpit service (aged 88). Sincerely Yours. W. M. Evans

Ewing, Jane S.

WWS

EIGHT LONGFELLOW LANE
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

September 24th - 1946 -

My dear Dr. + Mrs. Spurr -

My one disappoint-
ment in our fortnight in New York
was not seeing you. I meant at least
to write to you - But you can imagine
the hectic - yet lovely time it was!
I don't imagine you know, that my
five children had never been all to-
gether before! Eleanor was married and
settled in Arkansas - before Rhea was
born - + it never happened that the 3
India Missy families were in the
U.S.A. at the same time, on such a high.
We have been greatly blessed and
prospered in all of our travels
Nancy + Edmund drove me up
to Kashmir in May, as it became so hot,
the hottest I've ever known it ^{in India} In this last
17 years. I always went early to higher altitudes
Ladakh, Kashmir, or Kodaikanal. V & got

such conflicting reports as to when our
Marine Lynx would arrive; & were told that
her stay would be short. So as our dear
friends the Wilsons - now settled in Calcutta
had after much effort on her part, got us
accommodation in the "N. C. A. H. Q." for
their Welfare work, (now very little needed
for Soldiers, at Alipore -) we decided to return
to Lahore - finish the last packing & dispatching
& depart - College was still in session,
but dear Mary Rice (who had already left
for the Murree Hills the day they saw
us off for Kashmir) hearing of our proposed
return - tho' we had specially urged her paying
(no attention as it was for a brief stay - & Herbert
as well as their & our servants were still there,
Best dear Mary was the first one to greet us
on their own verandah. We were there only
a few days - Herbert got out his collection of
plans & sketches for the Datta Chapel - ^{at the} ~~the~~
made a sketch of a very nice-looking one -
according to the general plan in his mind -
But it will probably be something different
when the Architects evolve their plans!
The Ewing Memorial Library is in very
active operation. After it was dedicated,
Mr. Painter (the fine Englishman who had
to retire from the I. C. S. because of health,

was able to come to Forman College,
Faculty to the great benefit of the Col-
lege in every way.) said to Nancy, "In
England when a fine building is named
for an individual, the next thing inevi-
tably is to hang an oil painting
of the individual for whom it is named."
So last year Nancy did a large and
really a wonderful and "speaking"
oil painting of her father ^{from photographs} - finished
framed & hung with due ceremony
before we left. How I wish you
could see that beautiful Campus!
The Rice's will not yield their interest
in the Chapel, till it is an accom-
plished fact. (Mrs. Datta has gone
to England where her daughter is
in College - after being regular here
in F. C. College for several years - & very
much liked by her Class fellows -
There were a few girls always.)
We got to San Francisco, on Aug. 24th -
(I believe it was, & were a few days in
Berkeley - where we saw a number
of old India acquaintances. We
came in very comfortable quarters

On the Marine Lynx - the only
waiting to take over 400 mission-
aries out to China Japan etc -
which was delayed by the strikes
but got off at last. There were
964 on her when we came + 21
nationalities! The men had to
come in "E" quarters (3rd cl. ratio)
Edmund was in the accommodation
for 125 men + boys - really no ac-
commodations - except a rude cot
+ bed clothes no place for ones he
longings - ^{+ 15 shavers for 10 or 20.} they got the same food
that we did, practically. We had
to pay 1st cl. fare, + whether it was the use
of my title which I could not very well
out entirely in London after using ^{it} 7 yrs - or
drancy + I had the Chaplain's Office (on the Dart
as it was in 10 years of ferrying soldiers ^{back}
+ all of our Cabin were supposed to be
Officers. We had a Yon. Cal. men who ^{arranged}
at lecture or concert or something inter-
esting 7-8 P.M. daily. Edmund lectured several
at times + I was asked by one of the Govt School
and ship holders from India of whom we had
many - man Dr. J. was going to lecture again
as they all liked him best of all: of course that was
But our mission men were all eager to get
to instruct others.

EIGHT LONGFELLOW LANE
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

on differences

in customs U.S.A. & India & they had lots of good advice & on the whole behaved very well indeed. Better I am sorry to say than a lot of U.S.A. soldiers who got on above of the posts, with several ^{dozens of} whiskey.

We had a fine trip & we from N.Y. Bill Lucas was with us in San F. & across. Eleanor had sent money

for all my expenses - including a thro' car for 2 - across getting in at S.F. with the Bonds, Wilsons & Sister Bess ^{Davies} ^{John} ^{and} ^{Bern}

adles, & one or two Indian ^{meeting} ^{at} ^{the} friends - who are studying in Chicago. - Flowers, & candy, and warmest of welcomes everywhere - Frank Boyd

kept track of our train & wrote & telegraphed to every possible person as to the time they could meet our train - So in Belfontaine, there were my sister & her husband & ^{my} ^{own} ^{mother} ^{Homer} ^{Davies} having driven 60 miles

from Columbus for (the R.R. Guide said 10 min but we had 20 min) It was familiar country around there - Galien, Massillon etc, as my father was pastor at Bucyrus from the time

I was 9 till I was 20. And eventually New York - a Sunday on the line - Sabbath.

Needless to say at the Grand Central - we were met well & fully - Dear Anne & Rob are wonderful, thinking of everyone - & letting nothing interfere I do not know whether you have seen the (to me) wonderful home 57 Madison Square - I said to Rob "I can't get over the wonder of your being able to buy the whole of a 3rd story!" & Rob exclaimed "No, Mother, this is only 1/4 of the 3rd story!" - a big drawing room the great air-downs, farthest view is the Plains as their elevators right rise from La Guardia Field! 4 bedrooms etc. They had such help from Dr. Buttricks, Madison Ave. Pres. Ch. pastor. I wanted to hear him preach - but he did not get back for a sun. while I was there. However he came over to see us the night before we left - You may have heard that after a weary search - the Lucases at last were guided to the Parsonage of the Presbyterian Church in Bloomsfield, where the dear people (Mr. Killishan) have given up the 3 rooms in their ^{wife's} 3rd story, where the Lucases are happily settled. Mrs M.K. has offered the use of their kitchen for early morning and a simple lunch or they will go out for dinner - I have had letters from Nancy, Edmund (on his 64th birthday) & Nancy, Edmund & Eleanor. The latter is taking courses in Teachers' College toward her M.A. in Child Psychology - (for which she has her college B.A. from Western College -

Nancy, Edmund & Nancy Eleanor, have all written of how fine their hosts are - How I have prayed all the way home that the Lord might "prepare a place for them!" Please excuse this long screed! This is to be my Home - so far as I know until my call comes! And a lovely one it is! Vernon Jackson, died in Feb. '44. Leaving his wife alone, in a delightful new home - a new suburb of expanding Little Rock. But after they were settled, he did not rest till his two sons had also invested & perfected homes of their own, & the daughter, then what we used to call a grass widow, in a cottage with her two little boys. She later married one whom they had always known, in business with his father here - so they are a very happy family, with cars & beautiful surroundings in this beautiful town - We are about 5 miles from Church (2nd Pres. Southern Pres.) But what is that with expert drivers - But lovely cars - But as dear Father Lucas used to come to the close of his letters - "Here Endeth" - With ever affectionate memories of you both - Yours sincerely Jane S. Ewing (Mrs. J.C.R.!) (over)

I picked up the letter 17 yrs ago - as you remember - it was a good one - But I don't mind so far as you know -

P.S. I forgot to say that Bill Lucas is now a Student
in the College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia.
He took the Pre-med. 3 yrs in Princeton - with a
fine Scholastic record. This must go!

Farber, Benjamin F.

Fourth Presbyterian Church

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July 26, 1944.

Dear Robert:

I enclose some papers which the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company have sent to me for our endorsements. I have signed mine and send them on to you for your signatures. If you will send them on to me I will deliver them to the Bank when I attend a meeting of the Finance Committee on next Wednesday.

I want you to know that I profited greatly by your lectures at Princeton and thank you for them. I hope you have a good summer. Mrs Farber and I leave for Maine on August 3rd for a month's rest by the seaside.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Fels, G. Leonard

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December 14, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
 Lakewille, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Last Monday I attended the Annual Meeting of our L and N.R.R. Branch out at 3rd and Central. The Chairman spoke at length and with much feeling and enthusiasm about the Shop Meetings and he paid especial tribute to that autumn meeting where you were the speaker.

I knew you would be pleased in knowing that they were so happy about that you did for them. It was very fine of you to take the time to go out there.

Thanks a million and along with our gratitude, best wishes for a good Christmas and a wonderful New Year for both you and Mrs. Speer.

Cordially and sincerely yours

G. Leonard Fels
 G. Leonard Fels



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Fisher, Anna

Sep. 12, —



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Greetings

deary expects to attend western seminary this fall to prepare himself as the minister to his people. He is a fine boy. I am glad that you are better. With love to Emma and yourself. Anna Fisher.

Huntingdon, Pa.

Sept. 12th

My dear Rob.

I was pleased to get a letter from you, and hear about old times. Our Sunday school is carrying on. Several girls at Stone Creek are teaching there. I have a promising boy, Raymond

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Personally and in behalf of the faculty of Hamma Divinity School, I desire to express to you our heartfelt appreciation for your majestic addresses delivered on April 11 and 12 on the Kessler Lecture Foundation. The appreciation of your high contribution to the inspiration and stimulus of pastors and students is unanimous. We are deeply indebted to you for your rich contribution.

May the Lord continue to bless you richly in your great service to the cause of Christ throughout the world!

Faithfully yours,



E. E. Flack, Dean.

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My dear Robert ^{Foots, Edith} Speer —

You
have very kindly
to write me. I ap-
preciate it deeply.
Forty-four years of
perfect companionship

make our lives
very happy, and
I have very very
much to which
to be very grateful,
But I wish that you
and success and
in stability; and
prosperity, and
peace, and truly
Duncan, and the
others ^{who} have gone before,
could have so much
days of sharing happiness

happiness again in
Congregial Fellowship.
Perhaps we will
some day -

Beautiful my love
to Emma, and thanks
for your thought & care.

Yours
Fin. Steel

Forman, Douglas N.

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August 4, 1944.

Dear Doctor Speer,

Greetings! I know you will be surprised to hear from me, but I am sure you will not be surprised to learn that the subject of this letter is "Vellore", and the purpose to enlist your help.

For the past fifteen years, a group of mission doctors, including myself, have worked unceasingly toward the goal of a union Christian medical college in India. Now that dream is in the process of being realized.

The Women's Medical School at Vellore, built up by Dr. Ida Scudder, faces a crisis. Thus far it has prepared its students for the degree of L.M.P. - a lower grade qualification. With the development of professional standards and national consciousness, the Madras Province recently decreed that the L.M.P. degree be abolished and issued an ultimatum that Vellore be raised to the higher standard and be equipped to grant the M.B.B.S. degree, or cease to exist as a recognized school of medicine.

In deciding on Vellore (South India) as the site of the All-India Christian Medical College, the Christian Medical Association of India not only has formulated a plan for the development of an institution for men but also has made it highly probable that the existing institution will meet the government requirements for medical teaching at the M.B.B.S. Level - for both men and women.

We have been thrilled by the way in which the Mission Boards have rallied to the cause and made generous appropriations for capital expenses and additional highly qualified staff. Plans are now being laid for a public campaign which will be launched in September. Expert assistance for such a campaign has been engaged. One of the first steps is to form a Sponsoring Committee with a membership which will in itself be endorsement of the project to the Christian people of America.

At a recent meeting of our committee it was un-animously agreed that we should like to have your name included in the list of sponsors. And the purpose of this letter is to extend you a cordial invitation to membership on the sponsoring

Dr. Speers

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Aug. 4, 1944.

committee. Then too we hope that you will use your influence every way you can to forward the cause of this great cooperative missionary project -- the one high grade Christian medical college in all India.

I shall be glad to send you further and more detailed information regarding the plans for the college, and hope that you will accept this invitation to be a member of the Sponsoring Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Douglas
Douglas N. Forman, M.D.
Secretary

Doctor Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Forman, Henry

1454 Highland St.
Columbus 1, Ohio

July 16, 1946.

Dear Robert,

A good many years ago I told you that if and when I gave up the writing of my father's life I would let you know. It is hard to believe that I have held on to the purpose of writing for so long. But the fact is that the desire rather than the purpose has held me & give it up now. I am now 56 plus a month and I find my strength is failing the last few weeks. I am afraid it is too late for you to go forward with the plan you had in mind. If so, I am extremely sorry.

With my own failures I still have great comfort in the lives of my children. May I tell you of them? John the eldest, now 44 has found & built up a school for boys & girls in Litchfield. This is a noble work. Charles, named for ^{my} father, has gone to India as a missionary - a trained historian and a devoted Christian - as is his wife. Mary, aged 27, has

gone to Venezuela just now to work in the great
 work, so dear to the heart of Christ, of feeding the
 hungry, and saving the crushed. She is working
 with the Society of Friends, of which she is a
 member. — And our youngest is Bob, aged
 25, who has had about 8 months in Manila in the
 Navy. He longs as much to be out of it as I do
 to have him out. What he desires most to do
 is to live & work for the underprivileged

people in the mission. He is likely to get his discharge from
 the Navy in about a month.

Excuse my writing this account so long.
 I know I would have your sympathy.

Affectionately yours

Jenny Forman

Forman, Henry
14521 Highland St.,
Columbus, Ohio

March 4, 1946.

Dear Robert, I want to thank you
for your kind letter. It is good to
hear from you again. There is one
explanation I want to make: Charles
& Janice are under our Board. He
was prepared particularly to be a teacher of
history, receiving his Ph.D. in ^{Wisconsin Univ.} ~~Cleveland~~,
and was appointed with a view to possibly teaching
in Lahore or Allahabad. He is travelling in India
under a Union Sem. Fellowship to study & write his
Thesis on the Contribution of the X^m Colleges to the
Indian Community. He has become convinced
that the greater service & need is that of
better (or higher) education of Indian preachers
& teachers of the grade prepared by Saharanpur
and the Union Sem in Jabalpur. So with the consent
of your Synodical Committee he is expecting to
go into this work, probably in Saharanpur.

I am glad indeed that he has found his interest to
lie where the need is the greater.

Att. Henry Forman

Foulkes, William

 from ...

DR. FOULKES

Homespun House, Stony Brook,
Long Island, New York:
June 19:1945.

Dear Robert:-

It is good to read that you are going about, here and there, and carrying on, I trust with comfort and I know with courage and the grace of Christ. I am staying out here again (the 34th. year) this summer and fall (D.V.): ~~I~~ am doing little although I try to be faithful to Foreign Board duties I am disturbed over the projection of the 27 million dollar fund, in part because of the announced plan to seek about 15 millions of it from individuals apart from church relationships. How well I recall the fiasco of the non-est "Friendly Citizens" of the Interchurch Movement!

An infinitesimal detail! Page II9 Five Minutes A Day, prayer of St. Chrysostom, should not the word raise be praise ?

With esteem and affection,

P.S. The two Blairs and I were ^{William} boyhood friends.

Deliverance!

The day before McArthur's men broke through

The Nippon concentration camp, and freed

Emaciated fellows, with the speed

Of wingèd justice, bravely, swiftly drew

The curtained terror that had kept from view

Th' imprisoned host, and made them free, indeed,

A hero of the faith, no more in need,

Was given God's release, brave, blessed, true!

They starved his body, but his stedfast soul

Forever free, on wings of heavenly power

Was carried, scatheless, to the throne of Light;

His name emblazoned on the martyr roll

Of those whose course was finished; 'till the hour

Of death, who kept the faith, fought the good fight!

To Herbert E. Blair.

W.H.F.

Foulkes, William Hiram

424 Woodland Ave.

Warrenton Pa

April 5 - 1946

1946

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Dear Robert:

After 19 weeks in the
Presbyterian Hospital of Phila, and two
major operations, I am convalescing
at my sisters home. We're going to
Stony Brook in the summer.

I am continuing to read with
profit "Five Minutes a Day."

This is just a note of affectionate
paternal regard.

Faithfully

William (Hiram F.)

Dr. Robert E. Speer

WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES
PASTOR - EMERITUS—OLD FIRST CHURCH
NEWARK 2, NEW JERSEY

SUMMER ADDRESS:
STONY BROOK, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

Stony Brook, L.I., N.Y.,

September 7:1946.

Dear Robert:-

I recently came across some cards, on which I used to keep the record of the birthday anniversaries of friends, and which my devoted secretary for so many years kept in order for me. I find that for several years I noted your natal anniversary; after my cerebral hemorrhages, now over five years ago, I gave up the pleasant practice.

Once again I am reminded of your forthcoming event, and I take the liberty of friendship and send you my greetings.

Last June, I entered into my three-score and tenth year; if my records are accurate, on the tenth of this month, you will enter your fourth-score year. How good God has been to us, all the days of our lives! For His watch-care, His divine deliverances, and His grace in Jesus Christ, we give Him grateful thanks.

WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES

PASTOR - EMERITUS—OLD FIRST CHURCH
NEWARK 2, NEW JERSEY

SUMMER ADDRESS:
STONY BROOK, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

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I greatly desired to come into the city, one of the Sundays you were preaching in First Church, but I did not feel equal to it. I still go to Philadelphia, once a week, to consult my surgeon, a wonderful man, a Quaker, and a Christian gentleman. He has done wonders for me; he is pleased with my condition and the promise of complete recovery. Last Sunday, I preached, morning and evening in my old pulpit, in Old First Church, Newark. My friends think that my progress has been remarkable. I am out here, with my youngest son and his wife; they spent a year in Cuba; they are now taking such good care of me, in this dear place that is really a shrine to us. In the dead of winter I will likely go into the city.

The verse of Scripture, that I think I have quoted most frequently is, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be!"

May it be so with you, all the way!

Dr. Robert E. Speer.

Affectionately
William

WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES

PASTOR. EMERITUS—OLD FIRST CHURCH

NEWARK 2, NEW JERSEY

SUMMER ADDRESS:
STONY BROOK, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

Stony Brook, L.I., N.Y.,

September 12:1946.

Dear Robert:-

A brief post-script to my recent letter!

At the luncheon to ~~#~~ the Archbishop of Canterbury last Monday, I met Arthur J. Brown. After we had exchanged cordial greetings, he asked me, "William, how old are you?" I told him that I had celebrated my 69th., birthday anniversary in June. "Tomorrow," I said, "Robert Speer celebrates his 79 th., annimersary!" " I knowit!" said Arthur, "I am in my 89th., year!" He looked quite well.

When Douglas Horton introduced ~~San~~terbury he told of a little English girl who was being coached before meeting the celebrity. "When you meet him," said her mother, "you must courtesy and say, Your Grace!" The little lady did as she was told, and after courtesying, said "The Lord make us thankful for what we are about to receive!"

As ever,

William

Frost, Martha W.C.

MRS. ALBERT D. FROST

2375 TREMONT ROAD

COLUMBUS, OHIO

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer;

Through its World Day of Prayer Committee the United Council of Church Women is preparing for 1948 a series of brief prayers, one to be broadcast each day as The Minute of Prayer by a national radio hookup.

Other prayers are to be published by the Council in a Year's Calendar of Prayer.

Will you write a prayer for us, that could be either printed or spoken? The only stipulation made by the radio network is a limit of fifty words.

I am writing your wife, asking her to do the same thing. I hope you will both want to do it.

Most sincerely,

Martha W.C. Frost

for the Committee

January 28, 1947

Dear Dr. Speer

Very thank you that when we are down and that when we are in need then we find you & your people & we work, that when we are lonely then we receive them in London that you are leader then we find help about that we are of the then thank you by fifty to us.

(Fry) Franklin

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH HOUSE
231 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

28 January 1945

Dear Dr. Speer,

Your radiant note to me during these high days of my life has come like a benediction and I humbly thank you for it. There is literally no one alive for whom I have a profounder respect or a more genuine affection than I have for you and your words strengthen me mightily. A deep terror entered into my soul when I was elected to my new and staggering responsibilities. The one blessed thing about it is that it has driven me back as never before on the face of God. I know that He will not fail if only I humbly seek His way and allow Him to lead.

As I look back on our placid trainwrecked and
days. I feel that they were providential because they
enabled me to absorb a little of the spirit of several
true men of God. They greatly enlarged my vision and
have enriched me for all the rest of my life. My
prayer is that the lessons in Christian fraternity
and in loyalty to the Gospel which I learned there
may never fade.

My mother and I send our grateful affection.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin

Fulton, Frederic C.

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2644 Dartmoor Rd.
Cleveland Heights, Ohio
April 22, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge, Lakeville
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer,

I can not be positive that I am answering a letter you wrote to Father on March 22nd, but the letter was signed "Robert" and it inclosed a booklet, "The Fellowship of the Spirit", authored by you, so I feel rather safe in believing the letter to be yours. Of course, by now, you have heard of Father's passing in St. Petersburg on Feb. 28th. Only Pierre was with him at the time as death came quite suddenly. The rest of us immediately hastened to Florida to attend the simple but lovely service in his memory. You will agree with me, I am sure, when I state without fear of overstatement, that with his passing the world lost a great man. We are very proud of him and grateful to him for all that he has done for others and for us. He lived a humble but forceful life. His convictions were strong,- there is no doubt he was a fundamentalist, but he could not be considered narrow in his outlook. He came as close to living the kind of life he taught as any man I have known. He was a keen thinker and an assiduous student. How well I remember the hours he spent in his study in Osaka when I was a boy in Japan. He was stern and serious, but never lost his sense of humor. From all he commanded respect without in any way seeking it. Even in the last few years when he spent so much of his leisure hours on the bowling courts his fellow-members of the Club turned to him for personal advice and leadership.

He often spoke affectionately of you. I presume he considered you and Ross Stevenson his closest friends. From my youngest days I have heard your name come up in conversations in our home. I may have met you at some time, though I am not sure. Some day I hope I may have that privilege. I am sure you could tell me much of what he has done that we do not know.

If your plans bring you to Cleveland at any time in the future I would be very grateful if we could have the pleasure of entertaining you in our home. It would be the closest approach to having Dad with us I can think of.

Sincerely yours,

Frederic C. Fulton

Fulton, George W.

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626 5th St. N.,
St. Petersburg, Fla.
May 28, 1946.

Dear Robert,

It is now two months since your kindly letter came, saying that you had prayed for me and others on our day in the Calendar. I also follow the Year Book in morning prayer.

Truly, our time for missionary service was in the very heart of the missionary movement and we saw great things done during those fruitful years. I am glad to have enjoyed your fine friendship and fellowship in this work.

I seem out of it now, though I watch carefully each move looking toward continuance of the work of the church in all missionary fields. I have had some anxious moments lest the Boards would go too fast in resuming missionary activity in Japan. Neither the people nor the United Church there have had time to size up the new situation that has been created, and may not express a proper judgment as yet as to what they feel is best for them in this new juncture of their history.

The brave attempt at church union should not be hindered by anything we do directly or indirectly in urging missionary renewed relationships. A resurgence of any denominational activity from any quarter at the present time is to be deprecated. After a year or two the atmosphere will be cleared, and policies may then be formed without complications.

I am in fairly good health, though not exactly as vigorous as I was ten years ago. My son Pierre is here with me trying to get established in ~~in~~ work in this city, so I am staying all summer with him. I had a short visit from my son Rolland and his son in January, which was enjoyable, though I had a hard time in finding a place for them to sleep, due to the terrible congestion at that time in the city. Most winter visitors have now gone and it is very quiet at present, also it is getting pretty warm.

I am glad to note that you have speaking engagements from time to time, and thus that you are still fulfilling your mission. I presume there will be many calls the coming summer.

With best wishes and many happy memories,
I remain

Cordially your friend,

George W. Fulton

Fulton, George W.

Wm

226 5th St. N.,
St. Petersburg 4, Fla.
January 25, 1947.

My dear Robert,

I thank you for your cordial letter of August 28th. It found me going through a very hot summer, and the heat did not let up till January, last week. I went up to Cleveland to visit my children through October and November, and the change did me much good.

My attack of Flu in September 1945 left me with a case of secondary anemia, causing me to drop 25 pounds in weight, took away my appetite, making eating a duty rather than a pleasure. This has continued now much over a year, and I still have to battle with the ailment. The doctors help but cannot remove the cause.

My son Pierre is in the city, but my apartment is too small for us to live together. However I see him every day, and his presence is a comfort to me. Up to this time there have been ~~few~~ fewer people here than was expected, but they are coming in fast now.

I try to keep in touch with Japan, and believe the policy of going slow in returning missionaries to work there is wise. The country must be in a delapidated condition, and a clear judgment by the church as to what help is needed is difficult to arrive at. The missionaries at work in the schools will be able to give wise counsel after they are there for awhile.

The Board has changed greatly in the last few years, and is now scarcely recognizable as the same organization as in 1910. The old passes, the new comes in to take its place. But God, Christ and his Kingdom remain the same and the work will go on. I hope this finds you well.

Cordially,

George W. Fulton

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THE REV. STANLEY KIEHL GAMBELL
428 SOUTH 44TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA 4, PA.

Apr. 22 —

Doctor Robert C. Spear,
Sapewille, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Spear:

Woodland Church - officers
and members - greet
you with sincere
thanks for your fine
service of last Thursday
evening. We were
most fortunate to
have you in our midst
at such a special
season and we know

THE REV. STANLEY KIEHL GAMBELL
426 SOUTH 44TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA 4, PA.

Your helpful discourse
will long be
remembered.

May the God of all
grace be your
daily portion.

Yours very cordially,
Twenty-
two
Stanley K. Gambell

Gambell, Stanley K.

Woodland Presbyterian Church

FORTY-SECOND AND FINE STREETS
PHILADELPHIA 4. PA.

THE STUDY
STANLEY KIEHL GAMBELL
MINISTER

September Twenty-three

Dear Doctor Spear:

Our Retreat of last week hinges
as a very active memory.

Your messages were of
great inspiration and help
and all the brethren are
of like mind. We appreciate
your coming to us and
in this way on behalf of
us all I want to simply
say "thank you".

Your remuneration which should
have been sent long before

this has been delayed because
of the absence from the city
of the Treasury Treasurer. I am
glad, however, that the
check will be on its
way the first of next week.

Again, I thank you and
as we all —

Very sincerely,
Henry H. Ford

Gambell, Stanley K.

SKG

Woodland Presbyterian Church

FORTY-SECOND AND PINE STREETS
PHILADELPHIA 4. PA.

STANLEY KIEHL GAMBELL
MINISTER

JAMES RAMSAY SWAIN. D.D.
PASTOR EMERITUS

ROBERT M. HEINE
CLERK OF THE SESSION

April
Eleven
1947

Dear Doctor Speer:

Believe me when I tell you that there is no way that we can adequately thank you for what you did in our midst during Holy Week. Your messages were wonderfully helpful and they were certainly well received. And, too, we were deeply grateful here at Woodland that we could have you again at our Maundy Thursday service.

I trust you have had opportunity now to rest after a rather strenuous week; that there will abide with you that satisfaction that by your ministry you have brought an uncounted number close to their Lord.

This letter is written in deepest appreciation and with sincerest gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,



SKG:MO

Gamewell, Frank D.

GARDEN COURT PLAZA, 10-K
PINE STREET AT 47TH
PHILADELPHIA 43, PA.

Sept. 3, 1945.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

Thank you very much for your letter that reached me on my 88th birthday. I regret that this added demand should have been made after your taxing work in K.C. and your journey home.

In common with countless others I owe much to you through the years, for you have helped me in many ways. The Chinese, as you know, give large place to "Double Ten" their Independence Day. Double ten helps

me to remember your birthday, for our
ages differ by ten years and ten days.

May I extend my best wishes for
the Birthday just a week hence. You
will be in our thoughts and prayers
and conversation. God has wonderfully
used you through all the years.

May the remaining years be the best
of all, for the world needs you as
never before.

Mrs Gamewell joins me in
affectionate regard to Mrs Sheer
and yourself and in Birthday
greetings.

Affectionately & gratefully yours,

Frank D. Gamewell.

Garrett, J.C.

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Dear Robert, July 13/44

I am so glad you can read my writing. I really can see and write. It is my hope that as you grow, & struggle, my eyes will improve. As they do, we will tell each other what we want to write on my own ranch, to thank you for your aid in this time of my extremity. The check you sent me is just the amount the surgeon charged me for the operation. I am glad to say the operation was a success. I am now in the hospital & am doing well. I am sure you will be glad to hear this. My strength is gradually coming back, though I cannot walk just now.

times at least

While in the hospital
I was much impressed with
the courage and character
displayed by other patients.
I have had some very
pleasant conversations
with them. I had
nothing to complain of
except to say that

another impression I
receive is that, God has
been so wonderfully kind
in giving me such a most
valuable opportunity. Prac-
tically alone I see all the
world. Mr. Moore the
minister with whom I have
been visiting, and many others
have been so very kind
to come to see me, and Mr. Mc-
Lamb, and many others
— all of whom I have
known for many years.

I hope you are well. I have
 been very busy with my work
 and have not had time to
 write you as often as I
 would like. I have been
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 write you as often as I
 would like.

It is good that you are
 well. I hope your daughter
 Margaret is well. I do
 not see her very often, but
 she is well. I hope you
 are enjoying the summer.

Ever affectionately
 J. L. Garrison

Box 32
 Green Can Spruce
 Florida

Garritt, J.C.

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Coronado Beach, Florida, Dec. 2nd, 1944.

Dear Robert:

A letter should have gone to you long ago, to tell you how much my health has improved since the operation last May. It took several months to pick up strength and energy, but now I feel like a new man, - stronger physically and I hope clearer mentally than for several years.

If I put off sending you a Christmas card till the regular time I could not write a special message; so am sending it early, one of the first among many I wish to send my friends. I wish for you and Mrs. Speer a very happy Christmas tide and many more years of health and service.

Donald, on his discharge from the army on account of ill health, - he was almost through training as a liaison officer, - has joined me in Florida. He has work here, just across the inland river from New Smyrna; and here I have joined him. We are pleasantly situated, not very far from the Henry's, my wife's sister and her husband. I have a good many friends here too, as we lived here from '32 to '36. Every one says I look better even than in those days. Don cannot take on very heavy work, being called 60% incapacitated. But he is I hope growing stronger. My hand is a bit jerky, so I do not write long-hand much; and make a good many mistakes on the machine. Please excuse.

Thank you again for many favors; and be sure of my lasting appreciation of your friendship, and my undying friendship and love for you.

Ever Affectionately Yours,

J C Garritt

Gelzer, David

2/27/46



Yale Divinity School

New Haven 11, Conn.
March 20, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It was my privilege some years ago, while a student at the University of Dubuque, to have made your acquaintance during a Faith and Life Seminar under the leadership of the late Dr. Irving. You had the great kindness then to send me one of your books for which I really never thanked you. I am very sorry for that and sincerely hope that you will forgive me for my negligence.

For almost three years now I have continued my studies here at Yale, and am at present engaged in the writing of my Ph.D. dissertation. It is in conjunction with this that I should like to inquire whether I might come to Lakeville to speak with you for the purpose of obtaining some guidance concerning my dissertation. My subject is: The Grounds and Message of Christian Missions: A Study of Five Representative Protestant Leaders. They are: J. Hudson Taylor; Robert E. Speer; William Paton; William E. Hocking, and Hendrik Kraemer.

I have finished the chapter on J. Hudson Taylor. And now, before going on to the next, I feel that I cannot do so without having consulted with you personally. I have read twenty of your books so far, and the intensive study of them has become a particular blessing to me. I am deeply indebted to you for pointing the way so clearly to the central issue involved everywhere and in all things: Jesus Christ. If I feel a need, therefore, in seeking your counsel concerning the dissertation, the personal desire--and in a way a selfish one--to meet you again, because of what your convictions mean to me, is even stronger. I can only pray that God may give me a small part of the devotion, wisdom and knowledge, with which He has endowed you.

Due to the fact that I am serving a small Church here in New Haven, Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays are difficult days for me to get away; Tuesday being the day of our mid-week service. But on any of the other days I am free. If your time and work will permit it, I would come on any day that you might propose, either in March or April, which would be most convenient for you.

I hope I am not being too forward in making this suggestion.

Thanking you for what you have done for me, and with every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

David Gelzer

Jane Gillespie

East

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Dear Dr. Spur-

It may be that you
have already heard of
Father's death on April 23.

Because we could not
remember your address,

we didn't send you a
note last week when we
wanted to.

Father always prized
your friendship during the
many years you knew
each other.

I have just learned
today of the death of ^a classmate
of yours and Father's, Dr.
Vernidge. It was only Wednesday
that Mother had a note
from him. Apparently his
passing was very sudden.

You probably remember
that Father had retired and
was living in Costa Rica.

Pa., where he had served
the church for twenty-one
years. During the last
six years he has been
supplying the God bless Run
and Modena churches and
brought them to the place where
they were able to call a full-time
pastor. He fulfilled his
wish to serve to the end.

Sincerely,
Your Siliagie
April the thirtieth

Gillespie, Lillian R.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Your note of sympathy was most thoughtful and I did appreciate it-

George & I spoke of you & he loved you among his old '89 class mates - with a deep affection & devotion as I am sure ^{you} must have known -

It hardly seems possible that during the past three weeks three of the members of the class of '89 have passed away - ~~Dr. King~~
I now Mr. Ladd - took I know we knew so well -
Again thanking you for your sympathetic thought

for my three children
or myself -
I am

Most Sincerely

Lucian P. Pease

Gratefully acknowledging
and thanking you for
your kind expression of sympathy

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 10, N. Y.
Nov. 29th, 1945

Room 335
~~OFFICE OF SECRETARY~~

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rookledge
Lakeville
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer,

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has appointed Mrs. Gleysteen and me to make a study of "The channeling of literature to missionaries" in the various Mission Fields. The purpose is to help them not only along the lines of their specialization, but also to keep them growing and in touch with what is best and vital in the field of thought and action.

One seldom hears you speak without reference to some book, new or ancient, which has impressed you, or without your quoting some verse of poetry. In your very busy life, you have kept in touch with a wide range of interests. We had hoped to seek for an interview with you as we have done with many others, but that seems unfeasible.

However, we should be most grateful if you would answer these three questions for us :-

1. What list of ten periodicals of Christian and general interest would you consider as a good standard ?
2. What would you suggest if the ordained minister's library were limited to a minimum of twenty volumes ? (A good many missionaries have lost their entire library.)
3. Which twelve books of a spiritual and devotional nature, such as Brother Lawrence's Practice of the Presence of God, would you suggest ?

We appreciate how difficult it is to answer these questions as there are so many variable factors, but your choice will be of the greatest value to us all.

Enclosed please find a copy of the questions we sent missionaries, not for your answer but information.

Many have written with appreciation of your reference to good books in your letters to them.

With warmest personal regards to you and Mrs. Speer,

Very sincerely,
Wm. H. Gleysteen
Wm. H. & Theodora Culver Gleysteen

Theodora Culver Gleysteen

Cruden's Concordance

4 Groups

Salmon's Introduction

Lexicon of Greek in John

Class. Customs of the Jews

Travels on Palestine + Jerusalem

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REV. JOHN CALVIN GODDARD
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

Feb. 5, '45

My dear Dr. & Mrs. : I am glad &

thankful to learn to learn of your
being better. You raise the average
of human nature, & our age cannot
do it without you!

Your friend, Dr. Ellis, lives in
this house, & we converse often,
about you, each proud of your ac-
quaintance.

Life is pleasant in Florida

and I meet many of the "true blues"
in our Church fellowship, which
is composed equally of Geneva and
and Plymouth Rocks.

It will be a great pleasure
to grasp your "honey hand of hon-
est toil" once more, & thank God
for an elite adorning the Palis-
somy Census.

Our love to Mrs. Spicer too.

Devotedly yours,

Samuel the less.

Goddard, Kathryn B.

3-29-?

My dear Dr. Speer;

It was a great satisfaction to us to have you conduct the Committal Service on Monday, as Dr. Goddard wished.

It might interest you to know that

With renewed gratitude
and appreciation,

Yours most cordially,
Kathryn B. Goddard

Cheshire, Conn.

March twenty-ninth

in Florida Dr. God-
dard remembered
you in our devotions
during your illness.

Your letter of
sympathy which
reached me before
departing from Winter
Park was a great
comfort.

Gordon, Ernest

340 W.55th St., New York,
November 3rd, 1945

Dear Mr. Speer:

You will remember Mrs. Belle Dodd, wife of the Rev. Wm. T. Dodd, pioneer missionary among the Tai in the northern hinterland of Siam.

Many years ago I had correspondence with her regarding the resurrection from the dead of a Christian in Chiang Mai in answer to the prayer of Christians. Unfortunately her letter has disappeared and I want to use it very much.

Have you any notation regarding this instance of miraculous and divine intervention? Or would there be any record of it at 156 Fifth Ave.

I have other instances of the same miracle in my files, one of which, in Sweden, is witnessed to by an old friend of my long residence in that country.

With best remembrances, I remain,
Yours very truly,

Ernest Gordon
Ernest Gordon

Gordon, Ernest

Brewster, Cape Cod.
May 22; 1946

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am greatly obliged for your letter correcting my inclusion of the alleged Mather letter in the S.S. Times. I have asked Mr Howard to insert it as soon as possible. I found the letter in a book by Mr Charles Taussig the title of which I cannot recall, not having my notes with me.

One other matter. There will appear presently a book of 85 pages reviewing the pro-alcohol literature of the Yale School of Studies on Alcohol. This school has, or seems to have, no distant relation to the Research Council on Alcoholism which is directly financed by the great distilling interests. The Yale School is itself in touch with the Conference of the Alcohol Beverage Industries, a propaganda agency of the distillers. As far as I can judge it is sympathetic to a campaign underway to break down temperance instruction in the public schools. The Yale alcohol literature conforms to these relationships and I have carefully contrasted it with the latest European literature on the subject. Dr Jellinek, who heads the school, is a true connoisseur of the alcohol question; also a man of charm and kindness and I have difficulty in understanding how he can take the position he does. His associates including Haggard are not persons of any importance.

I have sent a review copy, or at least ordered sent, to Dr. H.S. Coffin since he is on the Yale Corporation. Would that serve for Lakeville or do you want a personal copy? The book is entitled "Alcohol Reaction at Yale."

Have you seen "The Wrecking of the 18th Amendment"? I will send you a copy if you wish. The man back of the destruction of National Prohibition was Andrew W. Mellon who was put into the Treasuryship to destroy this Amendment and he did it.

I trust you are well and that the Lord is blessing your present years,

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

Ernest Gordon

Gordon, E.



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Mr. Ernest Gordon,
c/o Mrs. R. A. Hall,
Brewster, Cape Code, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On May 11th, last, you reprinted in your column in The Sunday School Times the celebrated letter of Cotton Mather, dated September 15, 1682. On June 29th, you published "a correction" from the Rev. Robert E. Speer. I am taking the liberty of sending you a pamphlet of mine entitled: "Did James F. Shunk Forge the Cotton Mather Letter? The Answer is: Definitely No." It is the first study ever made of this incident; and I am sure - at least, I feel certain- that the man who wrote "The Leaven of the Sadducees," which I read and read over and over again some twenty-five years ago, will find it not uninteresting. It has received much attention from ^{theologians,} scholars, lawyers, jurists and statesmen.

Yours very truly,

David Rankin Barbee

David Rankin Barbee

Dear Mr. Speer:

If you would like to see Mr. Barbee's convincing essay I will mail it to you.

Sincerely Yours,
Ernest Gordon

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J. HARRY GORLEY
145 E. FAYETTE STREET
UNIONTOWN, PA.

February 19, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

My acquaintance with you is but one I am sorry to say, very much like the old expression, as a ship that passes in the night. In August 1941 Mrs. Gorley and myself motored to Pittsburgh, and out to Carnegie Music Hall to hear you speak, after the service we had the pleasure of going on the platform and talking to you. (Union meeting of churches)

I am prompted to write you these lines regarding a matter that is immaterial so far as faith is concerned, yet as we meditate in reading the scripture one often times has the desire or certain curiosity regarding the scriptures..

I will explain first, here in our City we are fortunate in having a Superintendent of Public schools one Dr. Nelson Mowls, who acting as dean together with Rev. Lorne H. Belden D. D. President of the ministerial association and the other Ministers of our City to act as teachers. Each year at this season they put on a course of study of one night each week for eight weeks, Anyone for the sum of 50cts. as a registration fee is eligible to attend these lectures, (At this present time the registration is 147) here to obtain instruction for teachers, or those that are interested in gaining knowledge that they might better their own lives., they have different courses such as the old testament, the new, betterment of christian living etc., Well Mrs. Gorley and myself signed up this year under Dr. Clark, for his course on the New Testament. Last evening his lecture was based on the Bible as the Infallible word of God. (on which I accept as fact) Of course this leads to many questions, such as Christ in Gethsemane, according to the word we find Christ pleading with the father that the cup might be removed etc., Now according to the word the disciples slept, consequently they could not have heard his prayer and the same had to be inspired revelation from God. (I am satisfied this is correct) Now this led up to and regarding the Holy Spirit, we are told that Christ instructed his disciples not to depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the father.

Now Dr Speer, as I told you above I would like to have your knowledge or opinion as you can give it. Dr. Clark states that he does not believe that the power given in the Book of Acts, when the Apostles were able to speak in tongues other than their own, as the Spirit moved them., was continued beyond the day of Pentecost. ?

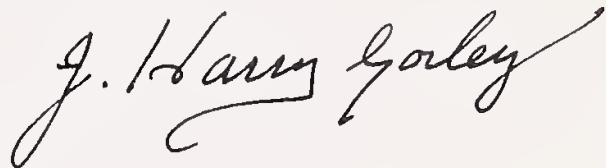
J. HARRY GORLEY
145 E. FAYETTE STREET
UNIONTOWN, PA.

Dr. Clark, also stated that in early Catechism, that 666 as spoken of in Revalations Chapter Xlll Verse 18, was spoken of as the Pope. Do you have anything on the history of this matter, or as to why was it droped from the same. I have a copy of the Westminister Shorter Catechism here before me. It does not so record. ?

You may wonder why I should bring these questions to you. My only answer is that you as a Theologian might be able to satisfy my desire to know ? Some day if you have the time I would appreciate hearing from you.

May God give you strength to carry on, A pleasant evening spent in the days gone by, which I will always remember.
I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Harry Gorley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "J. Harry Gorley".

Graham, Frances

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 22, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have just come from the Fifth Avenue Hospital where Miss Connell is, and I have discouraging news to tell you of her. I think Dr. Dodd has written you that she has been ill but that she was getting better. She took a turn for the worse last night and today is in a critical condition. She knew me, but I remained but a moment with her. She only repeated my name.

After I came away, I telephoned her physician and, in answer to my question, she said that Miss Connell could recover but that she did not think she would because she was so extremely frail.

We shall let you know how she fares. She knows you will be thinking of her and praying.

Dr. R. E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn. Sincerely,
Frances Graham

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

September 25, 1944

To the Relatives and Friends
of the Rev. Watson M. Hayes, D. D.
of the Shantung Mission

Dear Friends:

Because of Dr. Hayes's age and his none too robust health during the past few years, the following message will not be unexpected but, rejoicing as we must that Dr. Hayes is freed from his physical limitations, we cannot but regret that it was necessary for him to spend the closing years of an extraordinarily effective missionary life in an internment camp. The message came to us today from the Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State:

"REGRET HAVING TO INFORM YOU DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AIRMAIL COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 7 FROM AMERICAN LEGATION BERN REPORTING THAT INFORMATION HAS REACHED THAT OFFICE THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS FROM SHANGHAI TO EFFECT THAT WATSON MCMILLAN HAYES DIED WEIHSIEN AUGUST 2 -- DIABETES MELLITUS BRONCHOPNEUMONIA."

Dr. Hayes was born November 25, 1857. He and Mrs. Hayes sailed for China September 28, 1882, and their entire missionary service has been given to that country. Mrs. Hayes and their son, John, remain in the Civilian Assembly Center at Weihsien, Shantung, China.

In accord with the request of Dr. Hayes, Dr. Robert E. Speer has prepared the memorial minute which will be presented to the Board at its next regular meeting, October 16, 1944. Copies of this minute will then be sent to the family and friends.

Very sincerely yours,

Frances Graham

for Lloyd S. Ruland.

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Dear Dr. Speer:

We have a notation on our card that you are to be notified at once of Dr. Hayes's death and that you are to write the obituary notices, but we also have Dr. Stewart Robinson's letter to you, saying that he is grateful for the two copies of the material on Dr. Hayes sent to him in January, 1943 and that he has sent one copy of this material to Miss Rachel McDowell of the New York Times. Shall we call the attention of these two papers to this material and give them the date of death and the place? Unless you notify us to the contrary, we shall do this so that you may be relieved of this additional responsibility.

F.G.

Graham, Frances

ASSOCIATED BOARDS
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150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

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February 23, 1945

Miss Frances Graham
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

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Dear Miss Graham:

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Mr. Reid of the Methodist Office has sent me the inclosed card giving a good deal of data about Dr. Bowen. Inasmuch as we asked Dr. Speer to prepare the resolution and he has not positively declined the appointment, I think we had better assume that he will do it. Some of the people on the Nanking Board felt that he was the ideal person for the appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou

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Dear Dr. Speer,

This card was sent us for your use. Shall we not send you some of the correspondence we have here to refresh your memory?

*Sincerely,
Frances Graham*

Bowen, Arthur John
Address

From Neponset, Ill.

Birth Jan. 12, 1873	Appointed July 1897	Arr. on Field Oct. 2, 1897	Withdrawn - Retired Aug. 1, 1930	Death July 26, 1944 in President's Resigned
Birth-place Neponset, Ill.				

Wife or Husband

Nora Jones, - Aug. 12, 1897 died Jan. 14, 1938

Education-Degree

Knox College (Galesburg, Ill.) 1890
Northwestern Academy 1893
A.B. - Northwestern Univ. 1897. D.D. - 1914

Conference Relations

Pres't South 1897; Foochow 1897; Central Illinois 1905; Central China 1907;

Absent From Field May 1904 - Sept. 1905;
May 1913 - Aug. 1914; 1920-1920; 1924-1924;
May 1927 - Aug. 17, 1928; May 9, 1930 -

FIELDS OF LABOR

BIOGRAPHICAL

Nanking - Nanking Univ. Oct. 1897 - and
missy in charge Nanking Dist. Feb. 1901 -
July 1902.

Nanking Univ. July 1902 - May 1904
Nanking - Vice Pres. Nanking Univ.
and Deans of College of Liberal Arts,
Sept. 1905 - Oct. 1906

Nanchang - and Presiding Elder Kiaugzi
Dist., Oct. 1906 - May 1908

Nanking - Pres. Nanking Univ. May 1908
Pres. Union University of Nanking
1910 - May 1913

Nanking - Pres. Union University of
Nanking. Aug. 1914 - 1920

Nanking - Pres. Union University 1920
May 1927 - Came home because of
war conditions in Cent. China.

Student Volunteer
Joined M. E. Ch. in 1891.
Member of Educational Association of
China, 1898.

President East China Educational Associa-
tion 1916.

Chinese Government conferred upon him
the order of Chia Ho, third class, in recogni-
tion of his services as an educator, 1921.

Sailed September 12, 1897.

* Delegate to General Conference, May 1924,
held at Springfield, Mass.

Sailed 2-16-37

Nanking - University, Sept. 1928 -
Shanghai. Mission Treasurer (during absence
of Dr. Mein) June 1929

Author of Pamphlet on China for use of
Epworth League.
Re return to China (1928) See Ex. Com.
7/12/28 - Item 2031

Ex. Com. Actions:

Alice Bowen, born July 29, 1848 { missionary under W. F. M. S. in China - contract 1922;
 Regular 1925, married W. G. Simpson in 1930 (missionary of
 Board 1927).
 Olive " " October 28, 1899
 Richard Harper " " October 2, 1901 died October 9, 1901
 Sarah " " November 5, 1902
 Arthur John " , Jr. " August 23, 1907 died September 28, 1909
 Philip Norton " " June 11, 1909 { Left China July 25, 1926 to U.S. for College.

Mrs. S. J. Bowen
 Napoleon, Ill.

Sons:
 Mrs. Philip N. Bowen
 Oberlin College,
 Oberlin, Ohio

Mr. George J. Bowen
 333 McKinley Ave;
 Kewanee, Ill.

Graham, Frances

May 7, 1945

TO THE BOARD OFFICES
FROM THE CHINA OFFICE

We have just received the following from C. D. Garritt,
dated May 4, 1945 from Box 19, Coronado Beach, Florida:

"Regret to inform you of the death of my father, Rev. J. C.
Garritt, at the above address today."

Dr. Garritt was a missionary in China from 1889 to 1922
when he was obliged to retire on account of health. He was
president of Nanking Theological Seminary and was vice-chairman of
China Council, serving as chairman during a furlough absence of Dr.
J. W. Lowrie. Dr. Garritt was born November 11, 1865.

F.G.

Dear Dr. Spear,

We are getting material ready for a memorial minute.
Have you any memories or tribute you would like us to
include?

Sincerely,
Frances Graham

COPY

May 7, 1945

Mr. C. D. Garritt
Box 19
Coronado Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Garritt:

Your letter has just reached the Board reporting the death of your father, Dr. J. C. Garritt. I wish to express to you the deep sympathy of the Foreign Board and Executive Staff in the loss of this great missionary and servant of Christ.

Your father was President of Nanking Theological Seminary when I went out to Nanking as a new missionary. To us, he was an inspiring example. He was a man of very great ability and with a keen and creative mind, whose gifts were fully devoted to Christian service in China. We know that for him death is emancipation, bringing freedom for larger life and fuller service.

I shall send you copies of the Memorial Minute when it is adopted by the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Signed -- Lloyd S. Ruland

Grandin, John L.

Boston, Mass., April 24th, 1944

To the Trustees of The Northfield Schools:

The committee comprising Arthur Perry as Chairman, with President Park, Messrs. Gilbert, Sunderland, Cromwell, McConaughy, and Grandin, charged with the search of a Head Master for Mt. Hermon, after more than a year of diligent search, will enthusiastically present to the Trustees at the May Meeting, the name of Rev. Howard L. Rubendall.

Many names were considered but not until Mr. James Wendall, a Mt. Hermon graduate and Head Master of the Hill School, highly recommended Howard L. Rubendall, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, and after careful investigation, was the committee satisfied the right man had been found.

A brief summary of his life is as follows:

Born at Millersburg, Pennsylvania in 1910 of Pennsylvania Dutch Stock
Graduated from Millersburg High School in 1927
Received his B. A. at Dickinson College in 1931
From 1931-1934; teacher of English and Head Coach of Athletics at
the American University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt
From 1934-1937; attended Union Theological Seminary where he
received his B. D.
From 1937-1941; Teacher, Chaplain, at the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa.
From 1941 - ; Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, N. Y.
Married. Two children, ages six years and seven months

Mr. Rubendall for several years, has been one of the leaders of the Young Women's Conferences, calling him often to Northfield.

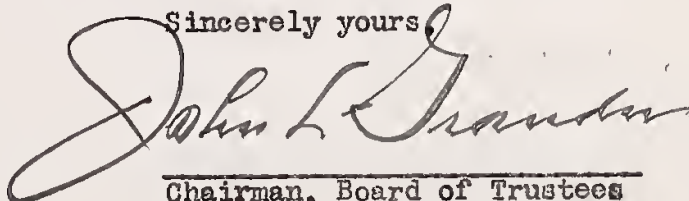
After learning he would carefully consider the position, President Park invited him to Northfield where he spent most of the time at Mt. Hermon. Later he and Mrs. Rubendall returned to again make a study of the task.

Mr. Sunderland gave a luncheon in New York where the full committee had opportunity to hear Mr. Rubendall and to ask and be asked many questions. The result was that the committee was unanimous in the hope that Mr. Rubendall might accept the position and approved Mr. Perry as Chairman, asking President Park to extend him the invitation subject to confirmation at the May Trustee Meeting.

We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Rubendall will be at Northfield Friday night before the Meeting.

The purpose of this letter is that you may be informed in advance of the Meeting and to further say that President Park and Mr. Perry have received from Mr. Rubendall the good news of his acceptance, subject to action to be taken at the May Meeting.

Sincerely yours,



John L. Grandin

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Grant, Robert J.



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August 31, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

We are glad to learn that you will read the advanced galleys on Dr. Strong's new book, Jesus: Our Authority and Example in Prayer. It is most gracious of you to take time to do this reading, and I am hoping that you will feel disposed to send me a brief statement that we can quote in an advertising folder.

Corrections have not been made on the galleys, and you will note that the Scripture references will be inserted in the last pages of the book. There will also be a brief dedication to Dr. Strong's father.

Thank you for helping us!

Cordially yours,

Robert J. Grant

Robert J. Grant,
Editorial Production
Supervisor

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P. S. The galleys need not be returned.

Grant, Robert J.



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Department of Sunday School Publications

September 12, 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It was most gracious of you to answer my request so promptly.

You have given us a splendid Review of Dr. Strong's book, and I am enclosing two typewritten copies of the Review. Please note that the title of the book is Jesus, The Man of Prayer. I am afraid that the galleys were misleading, because several of our readers used the title of the first chapter as the general book title.

Thank you again for your splendid cooperation. We shall be sending you a copy of the book within the next month.

Cordially yours,
Robert J. Grant

Robert J. Grant
Editorial Production Supervisor

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Dear Dr. Speer - you have made ^{Gray, Vincent} such a
helpful contribution to so many folks and
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particularly ministers. Wish you could
be with us in our Seminar this fall.

Dr. Waggoner plans to have one of the
3 in Missouri here in Springfield.

It is down to 56 here this morning
which makes it delightfully cool to work.
After vacation have a full schedule
of meetings and calls to make but happy
in the work.

Hope this is one of the happiest
birthdays you have ever had and one of
the richest years

On your 77th Birthday
Dear



As flowers add more sweetness
Wherever they may grow,
So may your birthdays
add delight
To years that come and go!

Vincenzo Tray
Sept 10, 1944

Get a k. Douglas
Spokane, Wash



Birthday Greetings

Greer, H. Ross

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REV. EARL F. SPENCER, VICE-PRESIDENT

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Mr

Dutchess County Ministerial Association

16 CANNON STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut
Dear Dr. Speer,

May I say again how much I personally enjoyed what you did for our Association when you led our day of devotion at the Federated Church? Every time since that day when I have seen any one who was there, he has spoken of it as one of the most memorable events the Association has ever had.

I only wish every clergyman in this part of the world might have had our good fortune.

With all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,

H. Ross Greer
H. Ross Greer

Grace Church Rectory
Millbrook, New York
October 26, 1946

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Grier, Jos. L.

JOSEPH LINDSAY
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TREASURER

September 7 1944

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Dear Dr. Speer:

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your birthday, Sabbath, September the tenth.

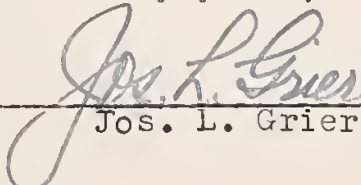
You have surely been blessed in the extension of vigor and effectiveness through the years. I have never known you to be more helpful and more forcible than you were this summer both at Bonclarken and Montreat. I heard you all six times and am very grateful to you for each message.

May your birthday be a most happy one and may you have great satisfaction in the realization of the blessings that you have enjoyed through the years and of the fact that you have been a blessing to so many.

We want to have you at Bonclarken again next summer. Dr. McAllister and I will confer and you will hear from me later as to the details.

Our mutual friend, Dr. S. W. Reid, I notice, is just about your age. His birthday is September the ninth and he was born the same year as you. He is a very gracious man and I thought you might like to know this.

Most cordially yours,


Jos. L. Grier

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Grier, Jos. L.

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CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS

JENNIE M. OATES
TREASURER

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September 8, 1945.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Please accept my cordial greetings on the occasion of your birthday Monday, September 10th.

You are to be congratulated on your successful recovery and your continued important service in the Kingdom.

May you have a most ~~happy~~^{pleasant} birthday and be made most happy by the expressions you receive of the very high regard in which you are held by your large circle of friends and admirers.

I am sorry I did not get to hear you this Summer at Montreat.

You will be interested to know that our mutual friend, Dr. S. W. Reid, passed away about two weeks ago, after having preached that morning in his own pulpit.

Yours most cordially,

Jos. L. Grier
Jos. L. Grier.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Grier, Joseph L.

JOSEPH LINDSAY
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JENNIE M. OATES
TREASURER

September 7 1946

Dear Dr. Speer:

Tuesday, September the tenth, I believe is your birthday and I should like to send you a word of congratulation and best wishes.

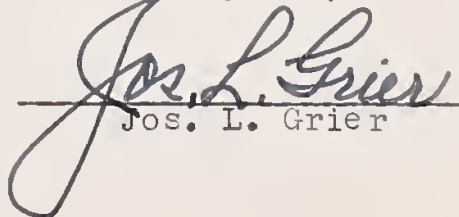
May the day be one of deep satisfaction as you review the attainments and blessings of the past year.

You are to be most sincerely congratulated on your recovery from your illness and on the unusual vigor and effectiveness of your ministry since.

We were certainly greatly blessed by the two sermons you gave us at Bonclarken this summer. It was a great benediction to have you and Bishop Hughes at the same time. I shall never forget the inspiration you two brought us at the close of our conference.

I hope we can have you again next August, and I hope that you will keep us in mind in making out your schedule. I have not learned the new platform director at Montreat who will succeed Dr. McAllister. Our having you will depend upon the desires of the Montreat Committee. I do hope they will cooperate with us as Dr. McAllister has done, and we will be able to join with them in inviting you down again.

Most cordially yours,


Jos. L. Grier

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

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DUE WEST, SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 26, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

First, let me thank you again for coming to our conference at Bonclarken, and for the stimulating message you brought us on Laymen's day. Your manner of presenting the truth and the truth which you present always make a very deep appeal to me.

My journey down the hills was without untoward event, and I was able to reach Anderson, S. C. in ample time for the 11:15 service. Back home this morning, I find plenty yet in front of me before we're ready for the opening of college in mid-September.

Continuing our table conversation, let me indicate somewhat more adequately what is in mind regarding the lectures which I so earnestly hope you may find it possible to bring us.

Our enrollment this year, so far as the boys are concerned, will consist of many veterans. These boys, having passed the way by which national necessity has led them, will doubtless find the normal and the right way confused in their minds. If early in their college year they could have some messages of such character as will stabilize their thinking and define their purpose, presented by someone whose national and world outlook is held in unquestionable respect, I think it would be a tremendous service to them. I know of no one I'd rather have for this service than you. My thought is that your messages would be additional to the series which is presented later in the year under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. and connected with what we call Religious Emphasis week.

According to your convenience we can schedule these four or five lectures during any week between the middle of October and the middle of December. They could come in the midst of the week or they could embrace a Sabbath day. We shall be very grateful to you, Doctor, if you can render this service to our students. Our enrollment this year will be 475-500, divided 2/3 boys and 1/3 girls, approximately.

Besides local entertainment, which we can make comfortable and as retired as you may desire, we can provide an honorarium of \$175.00. I wish our monetary gift might be more commensurate with the worth of your services.

Anticipating hopefully a favorable response, I am

Very cordially yours,
R. C. Grier
R. C. Grier

Grier, R.C.

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DUE WEST, SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 2, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My Dear Dr. Speer:

Your good letter of August 30th came to me this morning. The period indicated in my former letter is quite elastic and it occurs to me that a few days before the middle of October would suit us quite as well as the time suggested. Doctor, would a few days with us be possible any time between the 1st of October and the Christmas recess December 18th? Could a few days immediately before your Missouri engagements be arranged?

In case nothing before Christmas is possible, could we arrange for the engagement in January, sometime between the 6th and the 24th? The reason for desiring you in the fall was to gain the benefits of your messages for as nearly the whole of the academic year as possible.

I shall be most grateful to you if at one or the other of these times you can come to us.

With kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,



R. C. Grier

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Sept 30. '46

Dear Doctor Spur,
Your gracious willingness
to try to fit into a spot with
us this fall is very much appreciated.

The two suggested dates Nov 22-24
& Dec 15-17, however, are beset
by conditions here which in
froid would make them undesirable.
Nov 22-24 is the week end of our
home coming football game, the night
of Nov 22nd being the occasion
of one of our artist programs.
Dec. 15-17 is immediately before
our Christmas recess which comes
on Dec 18th. The festive spirit which
takes hold of young people immediately
before adjournment for the holidays
would not be the most favorable
atmosphere for our services.

Could you be with us, Dr Spur,
some time during Jan, accepting the

last week of the month which is devoted to Semester Examinations. We recommence on Jan 2nd, following the Christmas recess.

If a few days would be possible during Jan. or during February, I believe it would suit better than the suggested periods in your letter. I'm so sorry that conditions here already set up seem to make it unwise to attempt to have you at the times suggested.

Very cordially yours,
R. G. Linn.

Griswold (?) H. A.

Maclean, N.Y. Jun 17, 1944

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Dear Dr. Speer

My wife died Sunday Jan. 16, 1944
at 6:30 A.M. The funeral will be on
Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1944 in the Presbyterian
Church, Dryden, N.Y. Dr. Rice,
Pastor of the Dryden Presbyterian
Church will conduct the funeral
services. The members of the Presbyterian
Board of Foreign Missions may read the
last words.

Cordially yours

H. A. Griswold



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Robert E. Spier

*Dr. Robert-E. Spier D.D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City*

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JOHN H. GROSS
WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

June 21, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

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The Seventh Day Adventists appear to be interested in buying the Tement College property. My impression is that they desire to use it in some fashion as a training school for missionaries. Shall we consider seriously a reasonable offer from them if it is made, or is there a reason why you feel that the property should not be sold to Seventh Day Adventists? My impression of those people is that they are earnestly Christians in their faith although their interpretation of teachings of the Bible concerning the Sabbath differ somewhat from ours.

I understood that you were to be in Philadelphia last Sunday and had hoped to get in touch with you but I was in the hospital at that time and was not permitted to go home until Tuesday of this week.

Cordially,

John H. Gross

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214 E. Hadley St.
Whittier, Cal.

Dear Robert:-

Birthday greetings once more! I have been thinking of the twelfth as the correct day but my family have been discrediting my memory to make me substitute the tenth instead; but whichever is the real anniversary, I hope it may be or may have been a wholly delightful day, surrounded by your family. Recent days have been uncomfortably hot but perhaps in New England, as in Whittier, the last day or two may have cooled off perceptibly.

I hope and trust that your health and vigor have continued up to par this last year. I had to give up my position in the Air Force office this last May because of a slight stroke which was later complicated by phlebitis, but I am encouraged to think I am now on the up grade.

Harriet is starting on her second year of teaching in Whittier High School and is occupying her spare time in work for her Master's. Is Margaret at home with you now or in some other position in the U. S.? Mrs. Gunn joins me in kind regards to her and also in best wishes for the ensuing year for you and yours.

Always affectionately yours
Chas. A. Gunn

Gunn, Charles A.

Wheeler, Sept. 5, 1945

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Dear Robert:

Time to remind ourselves that the birthday month is with us again and to let you know that once more we are giving thanks that we can count you among - the friends who have meant so much to us through the years. I started a note to you some days ago but my wife, was ~~was~~ too much ashamed of my irregularities to let it pass further than the waste basket - thereby reserving for you passage on this second section!

It looks as though it is just as bad as the first, for I find that ~~as~~ I approach 75 my lameness of back and limbs becomes more noticeable with every hour. The best thing for me to do is to wish you many happy returns of the ^{day} during all the coming years and then to ask you to remember that our affectionate remembrance goes out to ~~you~~ ^{each year} as of you. *Chas*

Chas A Gunn

Gunn, Aloy
(Mrs. Charles A.)

1945?

Dear Dr. Speer.

Thank you for your comforting
letter. I think Charles's letter
to you was the last one he wrote.
Aloy B. Gunn

The family of
Mr. Charles A. Gunn

W.B.

REV. MELVILLE BROOKS GURLEY
ST. JOHN'S RECTORY
CYNWYD, PA.

3-3-44.

Dear Mr. Speer,

I had Mr. Thomas
Fisher's funeral this after-
noon and was assisted in
the service by Canon Ernest
C. Earp, D. D., Rector of the
Church of the Redeemer
in Bryn Mawr, Pa., where
Mr. Fisher's son was a
member. After the service
I spoke to his daughter,
Mrs. Hubby, about Mr. Fisher's
friendship with and admiration
for you. She lives in New
Britain, Conn. and has entered
her sons, ages 8 and 6, as future
students in Hotchkiss School.
I told her that you were living in
Lakerville. With affectionate regards
As ever, Tom Gurley.